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EFFORT TO REASSURE THE UNITED STATES

Ambassador Issues Statement
on German Admiralty's An-
nouncement of Plans

**SAYS THERE IS NOTHING
NEW IN LATEST DECREE**

Not Intention to Molest Amer-
ican Ships Carrying Food for
Enemy Civilians

Washington, Feb. 6.—The German
embassy declared in a statement issued
to-day in regard to the decree placing
the waters around the British Isles in
the war zone, that Germany "does not
intend to molest or seize American ves-
sels laden with foodstuffs for the
civilian populations of enemy coun-
tries."

The statement expresses the hope
"that Britain will not make necessary
a reconsideration of this attitude by
seizing American ships like the Wilhelm-
mina."

The statement in full follows:
"The German ambassador has not re-
ceived instructions regarding the de-
cision of the German admiralty, but
according to the text of the decision
the following seems clear:

"There is nothing new in the com-
munication made on February 4 by the
German admiralty with respect to the
attitude of the German imperial navy
towards ships of the enemy or toward
neutral commerce. It is absurd to de-
scribe this as the proclamation of a
paper blockade of the British Isles. The
communication is simply a statement
of what has been since the beginning
of the war the attitude of the navy of
all belligerent powers toward ships of
the enemy."

"A few months ago the British ad-
miralty proclaimed the closing of the
North Sea, the waters of which are
essentially neutral. Germany does not
propose to close even the English Chan-
nel to neutral commerce, and she does
not intend to molest or seize American
vessels laden with foodstuffs for the
civilian population of enemy coun-
tries. It is to be hoped that Britain
will not make necessary a reconsider-
ation of this attitude by seizing Amer-
ican ships like the Wilhelmina."

"Germany does, however, announce
to the world that it proposes to con-
tinue to destroy ships belonging to the
enemy, and it adds the notification to
neutral powers that on account of the
fact that British ships are employing
neutral flags, according to secret in-
structions now known to have been
issued by the British government, bona
fide neutral vessels may actually be
endangered."

"Although, according to well under-
stood and universally accepted usages
of warfare, naval vessels are perfectly
justified in destroying merchantmen of
the enemy, the German government
now sees fit to issue simply a general
reminder to that effect, stating the
actual radius of operations of the Ger-
man submarines."

The warning also may be taken as
in the nature of an answer to the offer
of a prize of £500 made in England
for the first British merchant ship
that should succeed in ramming and
sinking a German submarine, an offer
calculated to revive the long aban-
doned practice of privateering."

The German foreign office has ac-
companied the proclamation with a
long explanatory memorandum which
Ambassador Gerard reported he would
send subsequently.

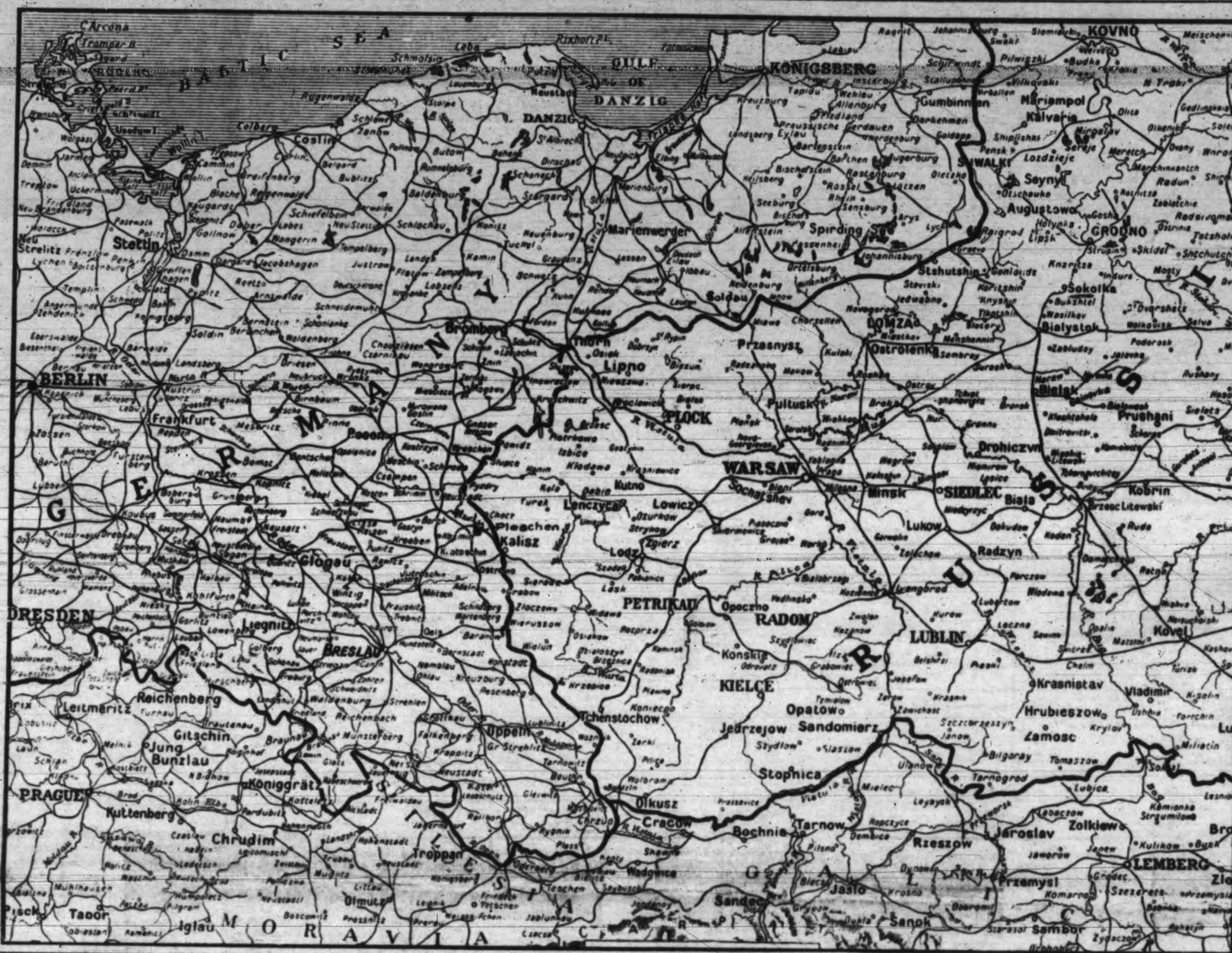
The proclamation itself, however,
according to the official text, makes it
clear that "all enemy ships" found in
the "zone of operations" as the areas
are described, will be destroyed and
points out that contingencies may
arise which may make it impossible to
save passengers and crew."

As for neutral vessels venturing into
the war zone, the proclamation points
out the dangers to which they "may
be exposed," in view of the misuse of
neutral flags by enemy ships, and de-
clares that "all enemy ships" found in
the "zone of operations" as the areas
are described, will be destroyed and
points out that contingencies may
arise which may make it impossible to
save passengers and crew."

Officials here are awaiting the Ger-
man foreign office memorandum be-
fore taking any further steps, as they
believe that may explain the points on
which there is now some doubt. If the
areas prescribed by the proclama-
tion are described as within the terri-
torial waters of Great Britain and Ire-
land, a different situation may arise
from that which would include ex-
tensive portions of the high seas. Un-
less the German memorandum explains
the precautions which German naval
commanders will take to ascertain
whether a ship flying a neutral flag is
really a neutral vessel, it is most prob-
able that an expression from the Uni-
ted States government will follow
pointing out that the destruction of
neutral vessels, carrying non-contraband
cargoes, or the injury to their pas-
sengers, would not meet with the ac-
quiescence of this government.

Under the rules issued to American
naval commanders during the Spanish-
American war, destruction of enemy or
neutral ships captured on the high
seas, which were certain to be con-
demned as prizes for carrying contraband
was permitted, but only in cases of
overwhelming necessity such as
possible recapture by the enemy.

Where Desperate Fighting Is Taking Place on the Eastern Front



QUIET DAY ALONG THE WESTERN LINES

No Infantry Engagements Re-
ported Yesterday; Artillery
Exchanges

Paris, Feb. 6.—The French war of-
fice this afternoon gave out a report
on the progress of the fighting which
reads as follows:

"No infantry engagements have
been reported as having occurred dur-
ing the day of February 5.
"From Arras to Rheims there were
artillery engagements with results sat-
isfactory to us. There has been no
change in the situation in the vicinity
of Perthes and Massiges."

"In the Argonne and in the Woivre
district, French artillery yesterday
dispersed convoys of the enemy and
set fire to a convoy train of 25 wagons.
"There has been nothing to report
from the rest of the front. We brought
down a captive balloon behind the
German lines at a point to the north-
east of Somme."

Paris, Feb. 6.—The French official
communication made public last night
said:

"During the night of February 4-5,
some German contingents endeavored,
but without success, to advance from
their trenches before Notre Dame de
Lorette."

"Our artillery has done some very
effective shooting in the valley of the
Aisne.
"In Champagne, our troops made some
slight progress during the night. To
the north of Massiges the enemy be-
gan an attack during the day of Fri-
day, which was repelled."

"In the Argonne we have consoli-
dated our position on the ground
which we captured February 4 at
Bagatelle."

"An Alsace German attack to the
south of Altkirch was repulsed.
"An aviator dropped several bombs
upon St. Die and it is reported that
four civilians were killed."

Geneva, Feb. 6.—General von Bor-
dungen, staff commander of the Ger-
man operations in Lower Alsace, with
headquarters at Altkirch, has been
forced by allied aviators, who bom-
barded the headquarters, to return to
Muelhausen, from which place state
papers and valuables are being re-
moved to Freiburg.

A German aeroplane fell at Mudorf,
near the Swiss frontier. The two of-
ficers in the aeroplane were seriously
injured and the machine was smashed.

FATE OF SHIP BILL STILL PROBLEMATIC

Democratic and Republican
Leaders Ready to Continue
the Fight

Washington, Feb. 6.—Whether Pres-
ident Wilson will call an extra session
of congress in case of the defeat of the
ship bill at this session, probably will
be decided at conferences next week
between the president and Democratic
leaders in congress.

At the White House to-day it was
said present sentiment among officials
was against an extra session, but that
no definite conclusion has been reached.
All appropriation bills will be freed of
legislative riders which might cause
prolonged discussion in the senate, and
leaders think they can be passed in a
week, or ten days if the ship bill is dis-
posed of.

Administration senators agreed to-
day it would be impossible to recommit
the ship purchase bill with instructions
for its modification, and determined
that their only way to get an amended
bill before the senate was to yield to
Senator Clarke's motion, which threw
the Democratic ranks into confusion.

They then will press Senator Gore's
motion to discharge the commerce com-
mittee from consideration of a substi-
tute bill containing amendments satis-
factory to Progressive Republican sen-
ators. They are confident that Sen-
ators Norris, Kenyon and La Follette
will vote for this motion. Senator Newlands
also will be here and they expect to
carry that motion without the aid of the
vice-president.

Determination to resort to this pro-
gramme was reported when the word
came to-day that Senator Smith could
not return in time to aid the Demo-
crats in their struggle for the bill.
Without his vote, Senator Fletcher's
motion to recommit with instructions
would be defeated by a majority of one.

What will be the fate of the bill
after it has been returned to the stage
of general debate next week is still
problematic. Several Democratic
leaders declare the fight will continue
until March 4 without cessation, if
Republican opposition continues. Re-
publican leaders gave renewed assur-
ances that no quarter could be ex-
pected.

As a result of the new German regu-
lations for the making of bread, sev-
eral hundred bakers in Southern Ger-
many along the Swiss frontier have
been compelled to close their shops.

GERMAN EMPEROR GOES TO EASTERN WAR ZONE

London, Feb. 6.—An official an-
nouncement received to-day from Ber-
lin says that Emperor William, after
completing his inspection of the Ger-
man naval base at Wilhelmshaven, has
gone to the eastern war zone by way
of Czenstochowa, Russia Poland.

A telegram sent by the emperor to
the troops which participated in the
attack on the heights at Craonne, is
given in a Berlin dispatch as follows:
"Warm congratulations for your fine
success, which is to be ascribed to the
wisdom of the commanding officers,
as well as to the great bravery of
the troops, whose month-long ac-
tivity in trench warfare could in no
wise diminish their attacking power."

RUSSIANS ATTACK AGAIN SAYS AUSTRIAN REPORT

Vienna, Feb. 6.—An official state-
ment issued here to-day says:

"In Poland and Western Galicia the
situation is unchanged.
"Russian attacks have been renewed
at certain places in the Carpathians,
but have broken down with heavy
losses to the enemy. Our attacks
continue in the forest region. The num-
ber of prisoners taken by us in the
Carpathians has been increased by
four thousand."

TURKS BUY FREEDOM FROM MILITARY SERVICE

Petrograd, Feb. 6.—The Reich has
published a dispatch from its special
correspondents at Odessa, who declare
that according to news reaching that
city from Turkey, a famine of corn is
imminent in the Turkish empire, and
furthermore the government is ur-
gently in need of funds.

The military authorities are exempt-
ing able-bodied men from serving in
the army for \$200. Of this amount
\$100 goes to the ministry of war and
the remainder is divided between the
navy and the Red Cross. Reserves
are exempted for the sum of \$140.
Well-to-do Turks are making use of
these exemption clauses.

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IDZUMO AND HIZEN HASTENING TO WRECK

Will Probably Take Asama's
Officers and Men Away;
Destruction Was Rapid

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 6.—The Japan-
ese cruiser Asama, it is said, went down
last Saturday afternoon at the entrance
to Turtle Bay. The cruiser was making
ten knots at the time. The rock, sub-
merged to a depth of about twelve
feet, ripped open the hull about fifteen
feet quickly and the gale which began
to blow that night is said to have com-
pleted her destruction.

The Asama's condensers were put out
of commission, it is understood, a few
hours after the impact. Her wireless
apparatus was rendered useless.

The U. S. S. Raleigh and San Diego
reached the Asama last night and the
Japanese cruiser Idzumo and battleship
Hizen are steaming at full speed for the
scene.

According to word received here, the
officers and crew of the wrecked Japan-
ese warship will not be brought into an
American port, but will embark either
aboard the Hizen or the Idzumo.

An interesting question in admiralty
procedure has arisen over the wreck.
Under a strict interpretation of the
neutrality laws, Mexico, it is pointed
out, has a perfect right to intern until
the expiration of the European war, the
officers and men of the Asama who
landed on Mexican soil. At the same
time the United States warships or
ships of other neutral nations may as-
sist in the saving of life from the
wrecked Japanese cruiser, it is said,
but they can render no assistance to-
ward saving the ship or gear without
violating the neutrality laws.

The San Diego and Raleigh are ex-
pected to stand by the Asama until the
arrival of the Japanese warships. They
will then return to San Diego.

FRENCH SHIPS HELPED TO DEFEND SUEZ CANAL

Paris, Feb. 6.—The ministry of ma-
rine issued the following statement last
night: "The French warships Requin
and D'Entrecasteaux contributed effec-
tively to the defence of the Suez canal
against the attacks of the Turkish
army on Feb. 3.—The Requin silenced
the enemy's heavy artillery and the
D'Entrecasteaux scattered large bodies
of the attacking troops. There was no
loss on either ship."

THINK GERMANS ARE DRAWING MEN WEST

Russian Experts Believe Vi-
olent Attacks in Poland Are
to Shield Movement

DETAILS OF RUSSIAN VICTORY ON BZURA

Continued Advance of Czar's
Forces in Carpathians is
Reported

Petrograd, Feb. 6.—Latest reports
from the front in Russian Poland
bring some brief details of the impor-
tant Russian victory on the Bzura
river.

While the Germans, with three-
quarters of their forces along the
Bzura, continued to hammer at the
Russian line, the Russians seized this
opportunity to throw their forces
across the Bzura at Kamion, near the
junction of the Bzura with the Vistula
and captured the German fortified
position at this place. At the same
time they drove the Germans across
the Bzura at Dakhova, which is close
to Sochaczew.

At Kamion, the Russians captured a
quantity of steel bullet-proof shields,
which they immediately utilized in the
succeeding fighting. They also took a
number of quick-firing guns from the
enemy, and in this district and also
on the upper Bzura river they were
successful in capturing a good many
German outposts. Near Bolimow, the
Germans were unrelenting in their at-
tack and the Russians countered with
equal ferocity. The German forces
repeatedly made use of armored motor
cars on which machine guns and
quick-firers had been set up. A hail
of shrapnel from the Russian lines,
however, forced them to retire.

Russian military experts are of the
opinion that the desperation evinced
by the Germans in Russian Poland is
a shield for the removal of forces to-
ward the western front, and they com-
pare these attacks with those deliv-
ered by General von Hindenburg in the
early weeks of the war when corps of
German soldiers were rushed toward
France.

From Skieniewice southward to
Radom and Kielce there have been
scattered artillery engagements. Far-
ther south of this line, Austro-German
forces have attempted to take the of-
fensive at Sierbke which is sixteen
miles to the southwest of Kielce and
also at a point near Rembow, which is
twenty miles farther south on the
river Nida. At Sierbke, the Russians
anticipating an attack, destroyed the
bridge over the Nida and shelled the
enemy from the opposite bank, forcing
him to retire. At Rembow also the
Russians report a victory.

At Shabno, which is just to the north
of Tarnow, in Galicia, the Austrians
made an attempt to open the Russian
fortifications on the left bank of the
Donajec. They endeavored to ap-
proach by means of an elaborate sys-
tem of trenches, but they were driven
out from these shelters at the point of
the bayonet.

In the Carpathians, from Dukla Pass
to Uzsok and thence fifty miles di-
rectly south of Przemyśl, the Russians
report a continued advance in which
they are pushing the enemy to the
south. Three thousand prisoners are
reported to have been taken in the ac-
tions in the past three days.

Petrograd, Feb. 6.—The following re-
port by the general staff of the Rus-
sian army was issued last night:

"The combats on the Bzura and
Balka rivers continue with undiminished
energy. Our troops began an of-
fensive movement, crossed the Bzura
near its mouth, captured a portion of
the enemy's position near Dakhova and
dislodged the Germans from their
bridge head."

"In the vicinity of Borfmow, Gou-
mine and Wola Sydowlowka our at-
tacks alternate incessantly with those
of the enemy under an unbroken ar-
tillery fire."

"On the remainder of the left bank
of the Vistula front, south of the Skier-
niewice-Warsaw railway, the artillery
fighting has diminished somewhat.
"We blew up a bridge on the Nida,
which had been constructed by the
enemy near the village of Gerniki, and
repulsed some attempts by the enemy
to launch an offensive on the Nida
near Rembow, and on the bank of
the Dunaletz opposite the bridge head
at Conar."

"In the northwest Carpathians, in the
direction of Oujok, we continued the
offensive and took as many as 3,000
prisoners. To the southeast of Oujok
we are still being submitted to a very
high pressure by the enemy's fire."

PATRICIA REGIMENT LOSES LANCE-CORPORAL

Toronto, Feb. 6.—A cable received
this morning announces the death of
Lance-Corporal Roger C. Pepler, of
the Princess Patricia regiment, who
was killed in action in the trenches on
January 24. He was 23 years of age
and a son of the late Irwin E. Pepler,
of Barrie, Ont. He enlisted at Ed-
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DYING GENERAL SAID HIS MEN WERE HEROES

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Paris, Feb. 6.—The Temps has published the following story of the death of General Bridoux, taken from the notebook of an army surgeon just returned from captivity in Germany.

"I passed yesterday through one of the most touching experiences of my life," the surgeon writes. "General Bridoux, in command of our navy corps, died in my arms. I have seen many deaths in twenty years and I have read of deaths of the generals of the empire, but I am convinced that no noble a soul as that of General Bridoux has rarely animated a mortal."

"The battle was raging in a fog so thick that one could see no further than 200 yards. In order the better to watch the operations, the general and his staff were approaching the lines in their automobiles. Coming into a clearing the party sustained a heavy musketry fire from a party of Germans concealed fifty yards away in a thicket. Two chauffeurs and two ordnance officers were killed outright before the cavalry escort could intervene and drive them away. General Bridoux fell back in his seat with his hand to his breast. A bullet had shattered his shoulder, penetrated the body and pierced a lung. 'We carried him into a log hut in the thicket,' I suffer," he exclaimed. 'I feel very ill.' Then he talked of his wife and children to the chaplain, but to us he spoke only of the army, of his soldiers, of his corps of cavalry that marches without horses and of which all the men are heroes."

"General Buisson, who commanded a division under Bridoux, arrived. 'My dear Buisson,' said the dying general, 'I am about to die for my country and I am almost happy since that will give you a command of which you are worthy. Do not forget that our role is to advance, always advance, and that we should do all the harm possible to the invaders who seek to annihilate our beautiful France. I have confidence in the final victory, and I regret to have contributed so little to it.'"

"I die joyfully for my country," he resumed after a paroxysm. 'Tell the cavalry corps that the sacrifice of my life should serve as an example.'"

CONSIDERING PLANS FOR RAISING REVENUE

Members of Dominion Cabinet Said to Hold Different Opinions

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Free Press says:

"There is a difference of opinion among the members of the government as to how best the \$15,000,000 additional revenue which is needed to defray the cost of administration during the fiscal year can be raised. The proposed new measures of taxation suggested by the minister of finance have not apparently met with the favor of all the members of the cabinet, and there will be a revision before the budget speech, which was at first scheduled for next Tuesday, is delivered."

"Shall the masses or classes bear the greater part of the burden?" is the question which has to be decided. Increased taxes on sugar and a tax on tea are said to be among the proposed methods for raising the required money. Here, it is pointed out, the people, or the man with the large family must pay more, proportionately than the rich man with the small family."

"The taxing of raw products is said to be another proposal which the government has in view. Such taxes, it is said, would be accompanied by a corresponding increase in the duties on the finished product and the consumer of the additional cost, while the manufacturer would be little affected. Increased excise duties on tobacco and liquors are always considered defensible, as are also taxes on the luxuries of life, but the income to be gained from such increases will necessarily be infinitesimal."

"There also is a large mass of opinion among members here in favor of a tax, of say, one mill on the dollar on all assessable property in Canada, and it is stated that this method will find many advocates when the question of taxation is being decided."

REVENUE OF CANADA IN FIRST MONTH OF 1915

Total Shows Decrease of About \$1,500,000; Customs Dropped More Than \$2,000,000.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The January statement of the finance department shows a picking up of excise duties. The revenue from this source was \$1,540,121, an increase of \$121,454 over a year ago. The post office revenue of \$1,395,995 was an increase of \$185,446. The public works, railways and canals, and miscellaneous sources also showed increases.

The customs revenue of \$4,767,218 was over \$2,000,000 less than the same month last year. The total revenue from all sources of nearly \$10,000,000 was a little over \$1,500,000 less than last year. For the ten months of the fiscal year the revenue was \$109,533,607, or a decrease of \$2,567,908.

The net debt of the Dominion increased by \$18,500,000 during January, and now stands at \$885,000,000, as against \$866,500,000 a year ago. Loans payable in London total \$330,000,000, as compared with \$275,000,000 a year ago. Temporary loans are \$38,000,000. Dominion notes have increased from \$123,000,000 to \$135,000,000. The total assets of the Dominion have been placed at \$255,000,000, an increase of \$31,000,000. The large increase in the debt of the country is due to the August war loan of \$50,000,000.

The expenditure on capital account, exclusive of war expenditure, was \$4,078,421 for January, a decrease of \$1,500,000. For the ten months the total was \$36,000,000, or \$10,000,000 less than a year ago. On consolidated fund account for January the expenditure was \$16,304,752, or about \$600,000 less than last year, while for the ten months the expenditure of \$191,956,966 was a decrease of \$5,000,000.

DOCTOR WAS MOLESTED AS HE SPOKE ENGLISH

Venice, Feb. 6.—Dr. Frank C. Davis, president of the American Medical Association of Vienna, has addressed a complaint to the Vienna Neue Freie Presse, in which he says that recently he has been molested three times in the Austrian capital because he spoke English. In one instance a woman wanted him ejected from a street car and in another case the proprietor of a cafe ordered him to leave his establishment.

The paper remarks in an editorial that it is unfortunate that so many citizens of Vienna forget there are 100,000 Americans there speaking English, and says it is especially regrettable that American doctors should be so insulted at a time when they are caring for sick and wounded Austrian soldiers voluntarily and with self-denial.

STATES HE WILL NOT ADOPT TITLE OF TARA

London, Feb. 6.—The Earl of Aberdeen retiring lord-lieutenant of Ireland, whose announced intention of assuming the new title of Marquis of Aberdeen and Tara provoked strong protest from Ireland, has reconsidered his decision in view of this criticism. It was announced yesterday that he would style himself the Marquis of Temair, a name which is anciently associated with the historic hall of Tara.

WILL NOT FURNISH FIGURES.

London, Feb. 6.—Donald McMaster's request in the House of Commons for the figures showing how recruiting was progressing was met with the statement from the government that it would be detrimental to the interests of the country to furnish them.

A CRUDE ATTEMPT TO FRIGHTEN BRITAIN

London Daily Mail Ridicules Germany's Announcement; Opinion in Norway

London, Feb. 6.—The Daily Mail, in an editorial, ridicules the German admiralty statement.

"What particularly tickles the world's sense of humor," says the paper, "is the crudity of the attempt to frighten not only Great Britain but the United States. There has been nothing like it since Napoleon issued his Berlin decree."

The Daily Chronicle deprecates the alarm that has arisen over Germany's threat.

The Times' naval correspondent says it is meant for home consumption, and is a parody of the British communication closing the North Sea, but threatening neutral vessels, instead of offering to assist them, as did the British order."

"Much rubbish is being written about the use of neutral flags by merchantmen," the Times naval expert continues. "There is no necessity for the admiralty to give any order on this subject, and I believe none has been given. The custom of the sea and many precedents admit, however, of a merchantman flying a neutral flag when endeavoring to escape from an enemy."

"Not many years ago Great Britain acknowledged this right when she was herself a neutral, and if our ships hoist neutral flags to evade the attentions of hostile submarines they will have law on their side."

Christiania, Feb. 6.—The opinion expressed by many here is that Germany is not likely to put her threat of a blockade into force against neutral countries. A director of the Northern Shippers' association stated to-day that Germany's notification would be received as a friendly caution.

The Morgenblatt, in an editorial, says it considers that there is nothing to show that Germany intends to paralyze neutral trade, and that the sinking of neutral ships in waters arbitrarily declared to be in the war area is an experiment which Germany hardly is prepared to undertake. Neutral shipowners, adds the paper, certainly will protest against clauses imperiling their neutrality.

AMBASSADOR PROPOSES FULL NEUTRALIZATION

Washington, Feb. 6.—Complete neutralization of commerce between the Americas in ships of all flags was proposed yesterday by Ambassador Nason, of Argentina, before the chamber of commerce of the United States.

"I maintain that complete neutralization of inter-American commerce," he said, "ought to be recognized and entertained the hope, or more than that, I may say, I feel certainty that we would be able to have the countries at war agree in establishing a rule that during the present war no vessel engaged exclusively in the trade between American ports shall be subject to search, detention or capture by a belligerent, no matter what flag she flies, so long as she is engaged in that commerce."

"With such a rule, we should be able to obtain all the vessels we need for the promotion of our commerce with the United States and the other American republics."

CASUALTY CLEARING STATION FOR CONTINGENT

Toronto, Feb. 6.—A new unit is to be added to the second overseas contingent. Authority has just been received at headquarters here for the recruiting of Number Two Casualty Clearing Station, and enrollment will begin at once. The new unit will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. Wallace Scott, who is at present in England with Number Two General Hospital. This unit, in former cases known as a clearing hospital, stands between the field and the stationary and base clearing hospitals. The streams of wounded from all sides converge to it, pass through and are distributed.

LIEUT.-COL. NELLES' SON WAS KILLED IN ACTION

London, Feb. 6.—Second Lieutenant, Norman Summings Nelles, of the first battalion, Northampton regiment, a son of Lieut.-Colonel Nelles who commands the Canadian Dragoons at Salisbury Plain, is reported in the obituary columns of to-day's papers as having been killed in action on January 24.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at yesterday's inquest over Captain Sharpe, of Ottawa.

FEARS FOR STEFANSSON.

Winnipeg, Feb. 5.—A. Brabant, chief inspector for the Hudson's Bay Company, who has just arrived here from the Far North on official business, says it is most unlikely that Stefansson, Arctic explorer, is in camp near Delta, on the Mackenzie, as reported by H. V. D'Arlier, at Vancouver.

BRITISH CASUALTY LIST.

London, Feb. 6.—The following list of casualties has been issued:

Killed—Munday, Lieut. E. J., East Anglian Engineers. Died of wounds—Fergus, Lieut. D. E., Dublin Fusiliers. Wounded—Atchison, Capt. C. E., Shropshire Light Infantry. Bennett, Lieut. D. W., King's Own Lancaster Regiment. Davies, Lieut. G. H., Shropshire Light Infantry. King, Lieut. L. A., King's Own Rifle Corps.

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MAY CAUSE NEUTRALS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Washington, Feb. 5.—Germany's declaration of a naval war zone around Great Britain and Ireland, including the English channel and the northern passage by the Shetland Islands, is regarded here as one of the most serious developments of the war.

It is regarded as highly possible for one thing that it will hasten the movement, begun by the Latin-American countries for a speedy conference of neutral states to devise means to reduce losses to neutral commerce to a minimum.

At first there were some intimations in administration circles that it might be the subject of a protest by the United States, but the official view developed that there was little or no ground for that, and it was recalled that no protest was made when the North Sea was strewn with mines.

Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland have repeatedly addressed the state department here to gain American backing for measures to relieve distress in their own commerce, and the latest German proclamation is expected to cause a redoubled effort for measures to protect themselves.

NEW SECRETARIES NAMED.

London, Feb. 6.—Neil Primrose, member of the Earl of Rosebery, and son of Parliament for the Wichech Division of Cambridgeshire, yesterday was named parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs. Mr. Primrose succeeds Sir Francis Dyke Acland, who becomes financial secretary of the treasury.

Cecil Harmsworth has been appointed parliamentary secretary of the home office.

CLAIM THAT PART OF EMDEN'S CREW ESCAPED

Berlin, Feb. 6.—According to a statement made by the Overseas News Agency, part of the crew of the famous German Cruiser Emden, evaded capture, escaping on the schooner Alsha, on which they left Coos Island last November at the time the Emden was destroyed. The statement follows:

"H. M. S. Alsha reports that Lieut.-commander von Muecke, with the leading force of H. M. S. Emden, arrived near Hodeida, on the southwest coast of Arabia. The men were received with enthusiasm by the Turkish troops. During the passage of Perin Channel they were not detected by British and French forces. Their landing was not molested by a French armored cruiser which was nearby."

ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN FORCE IS ACCEPTED

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 6.—A further expeditionary force of 10,000 men has been offered by Australia and accepted by the British government. This is in addition to reinforcements of the 4,000 men monthly.

KING SAW CANADIANS.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The following official announcement was made by the government yesterday. "The King has recently inspected the Canadian division of Lord Kitchener's army and was much pleased with their splendid appearance. While they have experienced many hardships through bad weather and heavy rains, they have borne all cheerfully and have displayed a fine spirit."

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PARKER WILLIAMS

REPLIES TO BOWSER

Excellent Speech by Member for Newcastle; Points Where Minister Failed

When Parker Williams, member for Newcastle, rose to reply to Attorney-General Bowser's defence of his connection with the Dominion Trust company in the legislature yesterday afternoon, the galleries of the chamber were again crowded, the subject being the one of greatest general public interest that the house will deal with at the present session.

Mr. Williams did not make any lengthy speech, but in the time he occupied he punctured some of the arguments adduced by Mr. Bowser the day before, and reduced the effect of the speech which had been built up by the minister. Mr. Williams was in good form and there is no doubt that his speech will be read with profit by depositors and others interested in the defunct company.

After he had spoken there was no further discussion of the matter, the word having apparently gone round that the government did not desire any ventilation of what is no pleasant subject to the treasury benches. The debate was continued on Mr. Williams' motion for papers in the case, which Mr. Bowser said there was no objection to bringing down. This was in the following words:

"That an order of the house be granted for a return showing all reports made to the Hon. Attorney-General and all reports made to the Hon. Minister of Finance, dealing with or regarding the affairs of the Dominion Trust company, as made by the inspector of trust companies or by any officer appointed under the Trust Companies' Act."

Mr. Williams' ready wit was responsible for the coining of a new phrase at the outset of his speech, when he was referring to the fact that he had not the benefit of any detailed report of the attorney-general's speech, only a summary being given in the morning paper.

"It appears that that pleasure is to be reserved for the larger audience of the Sunday morning—politics as usual," commented the member for Newcastle in an aside as he went on with his speech, but the sally brought a broad smile to every face and the attorney-general relaxed himself.

Mr. Williams said he and the member for Nanaimo had placed three resolutions on the order paper for the direct purpose of securing a statement from the attorney-general on Dominion Trust matters, which had occupied so important a place in the public attention since the wreck of the institution last October. That purpose had how been accomplished. He had hoped to have these returns brought in and the papers in hand to be scrutinized before the attorney-general spoke, but he would make no complaint on that score.

With reference to the attorney-general's attempt in his speech to attach a share of responsibility to himself and his colleagues from Nanaimo for the passing of the bill of 1912, he wished to remind the house that when they took their seats there he and the member for Nanaimo had specifically stated their position—that they refused to take the responsibility attaching to an opposition in a legislature as ordinarily made up.

Treating of the general assumption sought to be conveyed in his speech by the attorney-general, Mr. Williams said it had come to this position in this province that if any person wished to criticize any public affair in which any thiefing, any fraud had been found, such a critic was at once accused of discrediting the province for the sake of making an attack on the government.

"The quicker the Conservative press of the province gets out of that tone the better," he continued. "I might refer them to Dr. Johnson's well-known definition of a certain class of patriots for a description of this habit."

So far as the charge that he and the member for Nanaimo were in the habit of consulting Liberal lawyers, he could say for himself that he had never, so far as he could remember, met any Liberal lawyers.

"I don't like lawyers on general principles," was his remark. "However, at times we find ourselves pretty badly in need of legal advice, as for some reason I have not the same confidence in the attorney-general as he appears to have in himself."

As legal advice was expensive, for the benefit of the opposition and to enable them to pay for it he would recommend to the premier the adoption of at least one feature of the policy of the government of Saskatchewan, which the attorney-general had told the house so much about, and that was their method of legal dealing with the opposition. He merely passed the suggestion along for the premier's consideration.

Mr. Williams entered a general disclaimer as to having taken any definite position, or having made any charges in this Dominion Trust affair. The attorney-general had at great pains built up a structure on the supposed position the opposition had taken and had then proceeded to demolish it. The same disclaimer applied to his charge of an unholy alliance between the Socialists and the Liberals. Speaking personally, it took him all his time to look after his own affairs, and he was not bothering about the Liberals.

But he recalled in 1906 that the Liberals had made charges of an unholy alliance between the Socialists and the Conservatives, and he could well remember the delight of the then attorney-general, Hon. Mr. Wilson, that it did exist. The Liberals said then that there was an unholy alliance, simply because the Socialists in the house did not quarrel every ten minutes with the Conservatives.

"All I can say is, that if such an unholy alliance exists at the present time, I am not a party to it. And I think I would likely know if such were the case, as I have been four-

teen years in politics and my conferees but three, and the longer experience would argue much quicker yielding to political methods."

Turning to the Dominion Trust, Mr. Williams said that one of the strong arguments used by the company in other parts of the country was its standing in British Columbia. The corporation had its headquarters in this province, where it transacted the largest part of its business. Most of its investments were also here. In Saskatchewan, for instance, Mr. Turgeon would be in a position to say that the company had the confidence of the attorney-general of British Columbia, whose law firm was their solicitors. He would not say that Mr. Turgeon did say that, but it was some kind of an argument that he could make if he chose, and it was better than none. Such statements as Mr. Bowser made would be an argument in the mouth of any of the other Conservatives, but it would be no good to the attorney-general.

Speaking of the many quotations made by the attorney-general from articles in financial journals, Mr. Williams said it only showed the influence such a man could gain. He referred to one of these which had been a defence of the attorney-general, and suggested that, too, might have been inspired. That might not be much of an argument, he said, but he offered it as a suggestion. Regarding Arnold's personality, of which so much had been made, he never had the misfortune to meet the gentleman.

"But I had thought it was part of the legal training to be able to pierce through any outside show," he went on. "There must have been a weakness in the attorney-general's training, or else he did not measure up to the specifications."

There was, he said, nothing in the argument that the banks had faith in Arnold and the company. The opposite was the case, for the Royal Bank in loaning \$167,000 to the Dominion Trust had taken \$1,500,000 security. If the banks exacted that much when they had confidence in a man, how much would they ask if he had no confidence, he inquired. It was evident they knew the true state of affairs, or they never would have asked security ten to one.

The personality of a man had really nothing to do with the legal side of the company's business. It was the business of a law firm to go into the documents connected with any transaction laid before it. He instanced the heavy investments of the Dominion Trust Company in such concerns as the B. C. Securities, Western Canada Properties, Alvo von Alvensleben, Ltd.; Vancouver Industrial Sites, Ltd.; Central Okanagan Land Co., Ltd.; Columbia Valley Orchards, Ltd.; Seymour Arm Estates, Ltd., all of which appeared to be wild-cat schemes. Such financial matters were never gone into without the services of a legal adviser. The attorney-general's law firm, Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, must have come into contact with these matters. The attorney-general must therefore have had cognizance of them, unless he takes the position that he cannot know as attorney-general what he knows in his capacity as member of the law firm.

But he must have been consulted as solicitor for the Dominion Trust company in its transactions with these various companies, characterized by provisional liquidator Drayton as "wild cats." They could not have been taken without legal advice. Then if the legal advisers did know, he would ask if that was the sort of security a trust company should invest its money in. The attorney-general must have known of these things and he had a closer connection through his law partner, who was also a director of the company.

There was another way in which the attorney-general must have known, if the inspector of trust companies was really inspecting in 1912, and as he province paid a salary to that official in 1912, he was presumably on the job. "The attorney-general issues some challenges to me, in which I am not particularly interested," said Mr. Williams. "I will make one little challenge to him. Let him bring in the reports of Inspector Runnalls for the period we are asking for information on. They will not, I am sure, put as favorable a construction on the attorney-general's connection as he tries to give."

With respect to the challenge that no depositor was interested in the fact that the attorney-general's law firm were solicitors for the company, he declared the Dominion Trust thought otherwise, for in a printed leaflet issued by them, a copy of which he produced, the name of Mr. Bowser's law firm was in large type, second only in size to the name of the Dominion Trust itself, in the very imposing array of names and figures on the leaflet. The company must have thought the attorney-general's name was an asset or a liability to him.

But it was not the influence of the attorney-general's name only that placed responsibility on him, but the business relations he had with the company. As a member of the legal firm of solicitors he was in a position to know, and as the minister who had most to do with the inspector of trust companies, he had control of information which placed the responsibility on him for the company's investments in many of those wild-cat schemes which might have been nipped in the bud if he had acted on the information he must have had.

Speaking of the attorney-general's repudiation of responsibility, he said that he yet announced the intention of the government to fight to the privy council if necessary in the interest of certain of the creditors. He had retained E. P. Davis, K. C., for that purpose. If there was no responsibility resting on the government, why retain Mr. Davis? Why take up the defence of any of these creditors? Some of them, though crippled by their losses, were well able to pay their own law costs. The government, he urged, had no right to take up this cause.

Going on to the consideration of the \$200,000 bond, which the attorney-general said the bond company meant to dispute, the speaker asked why the government meant to advance the sum mentioned and in the meantime

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Cost of Victoria Normal School; Payments to Colonist; Canadian Northern Figures.

Several questions were answered in the legislature yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Place asked the minister of finance the following question: "What is the total sum of money paid to the Colonist Printing and Publishing company during the period covered by the fiscal year 1913-14, for all services?"

Hon. Price Ellison replied as follows: "\$31,956.95."

Mr. Williams asked the minister of education the following questions: "1. What was the amount paid for the site of the Victoria Normal school?"

"2. Was the site purchased from the owner, or through an agent or agents?"

"3. If from the latter, who were the agents?"

"4. What is the area of the land purchased?"

"5. What amount has been expended to date on construction of this Normal School building, and what amount is estimated will be required to complete the building?"

Hon. Dr. Young replied as follows: "1. \$45,500."

"2. Through agents."

"3. Green & Burdick Bros., Ltd."

"4. 7.6 acres."

"5. \$332,382.61. It will take, say, \$64,000 to complete payments. This \$64,000 is required to pay hold-back (\$50,000) on contract, and the balance is for fittings, etc."

Mr. Williams asked the hon. the minister of railways the following questions: "1. What amount over and above the provincial government guarantee will be required to complete the Pacific

Great Eastern railway between Vancouver and Prince George?

"2. What is the total amount of provincial guarantee on the Canadian Northern Pacific railway between Victoria and Alberni?"

"3. What portion, if any, of this amount has been released to the company to date?"

"4. What is the total amount of provincial guarantee on the Canadian Northern Pacific railway between Victoria city and Patricia Bay?"

"5. What portion, if any, of this amount has been released?"

Hon. Thos. Taylor replied as follows: "1. Approximately \$10,000,000."

"2. One hundred and fifty miles at \$35,000 per mile, \$5,250,000."

"3. \$2,940,537.91."

"4. Eighteen miles at \$35,000 per mile, \$630,000."

"5. \$532,000."

Hon. Mr. Bowser will on Monday introduce a bill entitled "an act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act.'"

Mr. Hayward will on Monday move: "That an order of the house be granted for a return of all letters, correspondence, and other papers in any way dealing with the circumstances surrounding the death of C. R. Nutt, in June, 1914, while engaged on construction work on the Canadian Northern railway grade near Cowichan Lake."

Prayers were read in the legislature yesterday by Rev. Thomas Green.

WATERWAYS COMMISSION.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—The international waterways commission met yesterday at the parliament buildings and discussed the investigation they are undertaking in the matter of correcting the pollution which exists in the boundary waters between Canada and the United States.



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THE WAR.

German diplomacy is again engaged in the familiar pursuit of explaining away the blunders of its baby killers and temple desecrators. When, after the outburst of rage which followed the battle in the North Sea, Berlin authorized its announcement proclaiming a paper blockade of the British Isles, threatening the destruction of every ship, belligerent or neutral, without inquiry or regard for the lives of its passengers, there came prompt inquiries from the United States, Scandinavia, Holland and Denmark. Those powers were ready to concede to Germany the right to stop and confiscate vessels carrying contraband under their flags, but they were not willing to confer upon the Germans the privilege of ruthlessly assassinating their citizens. They have called upon Berlin for an explanation, which as now given is characteristically Germanic. It is in effect that all that was intended was a reminder that the waters surrounding the British Isles constituted a war zone—which as news was stale—and that the announcement was prompted by the fact that the British admiralty had secretly authorized British shipping to adopt neutral flags. This latter assertion, of course, is a clumsy falsehood, the latest of the long series which have made all civilization regard the German case with disgust. The truth is that failing to shake the determination of the British people to continue sending troops to France until the foul stench of Prussianism was removed forever, and rendered desperate by the state of apprehension in which the German people are known to be, the Kaiserband sought to frighten Great Britain with impotent threats against her shipping. Germany is incapable of doing any more than she has done against British shipping or to stop the transport of troops to France. The only effect of this last piece of brag and bluster has been to confirm the antagonism of neutral powers and the determination of Britain to tighten her stranglehold. How throttling that grip is we now know. It is bringing the Huns to their knees.

Of tremendous importance and magnitude are the battles which now are in progress along the entire eastern front from the Baltic to the Carpathians. The pressure of the big Russian armies upon East Prussia and in the Carpathians prompted von Hindenburg to undertake a series of assaults west of Warsaw in massed formation resembling those in Belgium which had Calais as their objective. The sacrifice of life must have been terrible and not only was no progress made but the Russians, concentrating enormous forces in that area, succeeded in making a definite advance near Borjow a little southwest of Warsaw. The conditions of fighting were ideal for the Russians, whose natural weapon is the bayonet, as Napoleon found a century ago. To-day's Petrograd bulletin is very significant. It announces that the Russians, after being on the defensive for six weeks, have assumed the offensive, crossing the Bzura between the point where it joins the Vistula and Sochaczew, and no doubt they are now attempting to turn the enemy's flank in exactly the same way that they turned it last September. To save himself von Hindenburg must have reinforcements, and these cannot be obtained without seriously weakening the Germans in East Prussia, South Poland, or in France and Belgium. Von Hindenburg's sojourn in the region of Warsaw is near an end.

In the Carpathians the Russians continue to push forward in Hungary south. Dukla, although at points east of that they are not so actively. Their strategy is aimed at the envelopment of the Germans and Austrians now engaged in fighting for the neighboring passes. It is to relieve the Russian

pressure there as well as upon East Prussia north of the Vistula that von Hindenburg is making his costly and futile plunging assaults. A few weeks ago Berlin celebrated the collapse of the Russian offensive in a "victory" which one Berlin paper described as the equal of Salamis and Lepanto. Von Hindenburg was created a field-marshal and orders were given for the erection of statues in his honor throughout Germany. What about the Russian offensive at this particular moment?

Advance guard attacks of Bedouins and Arabs against the Suez Canal have been overwhelmingly repulsed. A considerable number of prisoners has followed each repulse, for the defeated half-starved soldiers do not care to tackle the journey back across the barren desert without food or water. We predict that when the main body reaches the canal if this expedition is continued its defeat will be followed by the wholesale capitulation of the survivors. They appreciate the merits of a square meal.

The Paris bulletin reports a quiet day in France and Belgium. Evidently the allies are contenting themselves with merely repulsing the sporadic attacks upon their lines at certain points, meanwhile assembling their main forces for the big spring opening. The nature of those operations will depend largely upon the result of the present ferocious fighting in the east. If Germany and Austria sustained a severe defeat there, the Kaiser would be compelled to weaken his armies in the west, thereby making the task of the allies much easier.

CHALLENGES.

During his speech on the Dominion Trust scandal the Attorney-General challenged the member for Newcastle to show, by the production of affidavits, that any person thought of the government at all when he or she deposited money with the company. He also challenged Mr. Williams to prove where, in a single instance, a depositor was influenced by the fact that Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge were solicitors for the company.

Both these challenges are beside the point. But the first at once prompts the pertinent query: Would people have deposited their money with the company if the Attorney-General had expressed on the floor of the legislature his doubt as to the constitutionality of the legislation conferring upon it the power to take deposits and the other privileges bestowed in the act of 1913? Would financial journals have remarked editorially upon the sound standing and approved business methods of the Dominion Trust under the magnetic and resourceful Mr. Arnold—now, of course, the scapegoat? Would the bond company have given the guarantee it now disputes? Would investors abroad and at home have continued to entrust their funds to the tender mercies of the company?

People do not think of the police or fire department when they retire at night. They take it for granted that predaacious individuals will not be permitted by either of those services to rob or burn their homes. If they thought that they could not rely upon these departments to protect them they would not stay in the town twenty-four hours. Similarly, when people deposit their money with a bank or trust company so ingrained is their conviction that they must be safe in doing so or the government would not permit these institutions to carry on business, that they never give the matter a thought.

The second challenge, relating to the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, also does not touch the issue. Few depositors, if any, concern themselves with the personnel of a company's solicitors. In this case, however, the head of the firm which was in close professional contact with the company, which advised the company as to the legality of its various transactions, which must have been privy to most of its activities, which was consulted on all the legislation applied for or obtained in the company's name, was also the Attorney-General of this province, who, according to his own statements, exercised direct control over the official of the government service whose duty was the inspection of trust companies and the safeguarding of the public interest. If Mr. Bowser is unable to appreciate the anomalous position in which this relationship placed him as a public servant he is hopeless. If he does appreciate it, he has no justification in petulantly asserting that the criticism against him was inspired solely by hatred and venom, with the object of driving him out of public life. There are aspects to this question more important than the political fortunes of Mr. Bowser. They concern not merely one public man or a government, but the position of hundreds of humble people whose life-long savings have been swept away by the collapse of this company, and they concern the reputation of this province in the eyes of the world.

Mr. Williams also issued two challenges. One was for the government to produce "all" the reports of the inspector of trust companies regarding the particular corporation under consideration. We assume, of course, that the officer submitted re-

ports. He had been inspecting our trust companies for two or three years, and we believe him to be a faithful, efficient official. What information did he give to the government? Mr. Bowser appeals for fair play, and he should have it. May we suggest also that this precious right be not denied the unhappy victims of the company's illegal operations? There should be an investigation of the whole affair by a tribunal uninfluenced by party politics. If Mr. Bowser or his colleagues have no responsibility, direct or indirect, in this unfortunate matter, a searching inquiry will establish the fact beyond cavil. More than that, it would show who was responsible—whether it was wholly Mr. Arnold, or if in his manipulations he had the association of anybody else in or out of the company. Mr. Bowser's speech did not close the case, able and comprehensive though it was.

MILITARY SITUATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There recently appeared a criticism by the Toronto Globe of the military situation in this province, in which it is stated that large numbers of men were being kept under arms here unnecessarily in order to relieve the labor situation. From that view we dissent. When the war started quite naturally and properly every militia unit in British Columbia was called out, for this province, as the Globe pointed out a few years ago, is the most vulnerable portion of the Dominion. The military requirements of Ontario could have been met with less men than were needed here. The unfortunate alliance of the Conservative party with the seditious group headed by Henri Bourassa—who although standing the Empire is still at large—had left our coast-line with no other naval protection than that provided by the Rainbow, the training ship acquired by the previous administration, and until the Japanese cruiser Idzumi and the British cruiser Newcastle arrived on the scene we were not very comfortably situated in regard to sea defence. Thus it was necessary to call out all our land forces to protect the various vital points along the coast. It is true we still have a large number of men under arms. Some are training for foreign service, others are guarding railroads, bridges, military stores and stations, and while it may be true also that the expenditure in this respect has been very large in British Columbia, it would be well to remember that every other public service as well costs more to administer in this province than anywhere else in the Dominion—owing to natural circumstances with which our eastern contemporaries must be familiar.

DOMINIONS AND PEACE TERMS.

Sir Richard McBride has given an interview to a representative of the Vancouver Province relative to a cable extract from the London Times in which is expressed the opinion that when peace terms are considered by the British government representatives of the dominions should be consulted.

He takes the ground that it would be bad taste for the dominions to insist upon that participation because they had contributed ships and men to the empire's defence. On the other hand he said it would be a gracious act if the imperial authorities voluntarily invited the dominion governments to their councils when the terms were under consideration. Speaking personally, he said that if he were directing the policy of the dominion he would say to Mr. Asquith: "We are highly gratified with such an expression of appreciation, but we have confidence in the greater experience and wisdom of British statesmen in international affairs, and will accept as in the best interests of the Empire and the Allies any decision they may be able to arrive at."

In this respect, however, Sir Richard is in slight conflict with Sir Robert Borden, who, in a speech a few weeks ago, flatly declared that the dominions should have a voice in the foreign policy of the empire, and undoubtedly he referred to the consideration of terms of peace as well as to other matters of international import. The prime ministers of the other dominions expressed similar views. We do not believe, however, that there will be any insistence upon their part, or any need of it, in regard to this particular matter, for it is almost certain that they will be consulted. Certainly there would be no criticism of any terms proposed by Great Britain on the ground that they were too rigorous. The dominions will turn their thumbs down when yclef Prussianism pleads for mercy.

Replying to a question in the House yesterday the Minister of Finance said that in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1914, the total sum paid by the government to the Victoria Colonist for all services was \$31,956.95. In the last four years our contemporary, directly and indirectly, has taken from the treasury at least \$150,000. That explains many things, among them the unfair way in which the morning paper treated Parker Williams' reply to the Attorney-General on the Dominion Trust scandal. To-morrow's issue will contain a verbatim report of Mr. Bowser's

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speech, which, though carefully edited, will run into many columns. Mr. Williams' reply is dismissed in a half column, a most contemptible, though characteristic, act. The Times, on the other hand, gives liberally of its space to the government and opposition speakers alike. We conceive this to be in accordance with a newspaper's duty to the reading public. We predict that the lid will be jammed down on Colonial legislative reports with especial force when the discussion on the expected legislation dealing with jineys takes place.

The heavily subsidized organ of the McBride government professes to be in a state of special exaltation over the mastery of defence of the Attorney-General of his official conduct and the connection of his law firm with the Dominion Trust scandal. Many counsel learned in the law have delivered clever, ingenious, plausible and impassioned addresses before the courts in defence of prisoners at the bar, but they have not invariably convinced juries of the innocence of their clients of wrongdoing. In the case of the Dominion Trust it is the jury of public opinion, not organs that express views that are bought and paid for, that will return a verdict.

The German crown prince says every German will shed his last drop of blood to avert the defeat of his country. He will have to exclude from his calculations that large element of the population who refused to eat war bread even at the call of the Kaiser. The fact that the government had to enforce food regulations indicates that a very large proportion of the German people are not the kind who shed their last drop of blood. They will object to dying under any circumstances and in any cause.

The boast of "victory after victory!" has changed to terrified whines. That is the way of the mongrel when the real fighting dog gets the grip which cannot be shaken. Germany knows in her heart that she is beaten.

"HYMN OF HATE" WHICH WON RED EAGLE.

The Kaiser has conferred upon Ernest Lassauer, author of "The Hymn of Hate," the order of the Red Eagle of the Fourth Class, with the Royal Crown, according to a recent cable.

Lassauer's poem, a diatribe against England, printed in Jugend, attracted a great deal of comment in Germany. An English version by Barbara Henderson follows:

French and Russian, they matter not.
A blow for a blow and a shot for a shot.
We love them not, we hate them not.
We love but one and only hate,
We love as one, we hate as one,
We have one foe and one alone.

He is known to you all, he is known to you all.
He crouches behind the dark gray flood,
Full of envy, of rage, of craft, of gall,
Out of y' waves that are thicker than blood.
Come, let us stand at the judgment place,
An oath to swear to, face to face,
An oath of bronze no wind can shake,
An oath for our sons and their sons to take.

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Five useful size Sideboards, similar to cut, are marked for a quick clearance Monday at practically half-price. These Boards can be seen in the Broad street windows and it only requires one glance to convince the most inexperienced furniture buyer that they are extraordinary bargains. This is an exceptional opportunity, and the person who desires to add such a useful piece of furniture to the diningroom cannot afford to let a chance like this slip by. There are three styles but all similar in design:

Sideboard in surfaced oak, lower carcass fitted with two large cupboards and two drawers for silver-plate. Canopy top fitted with useful size beveled mirror and three shelves. Monday at **\$15.75**
Sideboard in surfaced oak, lower carcass fitted with one long drawer for linens, two small drawers for silver-plate, and two useful size cupboards. Canopy top fitted with large beveled mirror and three shelves. Similar to cut. Clearing Monday at **\$17.50**
Oak Sideboard, finished golden, fitted with two cupboards, three drawers and canopy top, with mirror and three shelves. Clearing Monday at **\$23.75**

Fourth Floor—Broad

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To clear out the balance of last season's Axminster Body and Bordering Carpet we have reduced the price to the lowest possible, and will in addition measure your rooms, make up and lay the carpet free; all for the inclusive price at \$1.60 per yard. Carpeting is best quality Axminster in beautiful Oriental and floral designs and rich colorings of green, red, fawn and brown. Usually sold up to \$2.35 per yard, exclusive of making or laying. For all orders received Monday we will supply carpet, measure, make up and lay free at the inclusive price of, per yard, \$1.60. This is an extraordinary opportunity for you to have your best rooms covered at a substantial saving. You will be wise in placing your order early and choosing the design that will suit your room best. For samples of Carpet, see View street windows.

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Plain Sheets, size 2 x 2 1/2, twill, pair, **\$2.00**
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Regular \$5.00 grade for, pair **\$4.25**
Regular \$5.75 grade for, pair **\$4.35**
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Eiderdown Comforters—
Sateen covered, panelled and quilted, from, each, \$5.75 to **\$11.75**
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, February 6, 1890.

Tenders will be received up to Wednesday, February 12, for the construction of a ward for female prisoners in connection with the city lock-up. One of the events which is already being looked forward to in this city with considerable interest is the visit of the Duke of Connaught in May next. His highness is the prospective successor to the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the forces, and is making the circuit around this way to fill that position.

An old dwelling house on Douglas street, near the corner of View street, is being removed to Yates street, opposite Van Volkenburgh's stables, to make room for Mr. John Turner's new brick building.

The officers of the Puget Sound and Alaska Steamship company at Seattle are confident that the City of Kingston will be here by February 20.

Loyal Orange Association.—The L. O. L., Premier 1610, will meet in the Orange hall, Yates street, at 8 p. m. on Monday next. A full attendance is requested.

Had No License.—L. J. Quagliotti was fined \$20 in the police court this morning for allowing an unlicensed woman to operate a moving picture machine in his theatre. The defence pleaded that the man had operated under an old license with the intention of obtaining one for this year.

Scouts' Own.—It is hoped that a large number of lads will attend the rally of the Scouts' Own to be held to-morrow morning at St. John's church, where their leader, Scoutmaster Johns, who has been seriously ill for some time past, will be welcomed. The scouts will march out to the Jubilee hospital in the afternoon and leave flowers.

Theft of Rice.—In the Spanish police court this morning George Owens was committed for trial charged with having a diamond ring valued at \$10 which he knew to have been stolen in his possession. It was the property of John T. Braden and was taken from Mr. Braden's home by the wife of the accused. Mrs. Owens admitted the theft.

Musical Service.—To-morrow evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church a service of praise will be held. The hymns sung are to be those written by Bishop Bickersteth. The choir will render a number of choruses, the solo parts to be taken by Mrs. Macdonald Fahey, Mrs. R. G. Morrison, Mrs. Jesse Longfield and Messrs. E. J. Hearn and W. Melville.

To Extend Paving.—Further allusion was made in streets committee of the city council yesterday afternoon to the necessity of paving some street in the Pemberton Meadows, in order to unite existing paving. The paving committee suggested streets to be considered as Cowichan, Quamichan, Richmond and Bank (part), from which a selection will be made.

Metropolitan Church Brotherhood.—The usual meeting of the Metropolitan Church Brotherhood will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2.45 in the auditorium of the church, when an address will be given by Williams Hugh, or "Our Chaotic Civilization and the Way Out," which will be followed by a discussion. Alderman Bell will preside, and a cordial invitation is given to all men in the city.

Valentine Social.—The Ladies' Guild of St. Michael's church are hoping to hold a Valentine social on Friday, February 12, from 8 to 11 p. m. Refreshments will be served at 10 o'clock. Pretty valentines will be sold in the hall, and games and music will be diversions of the evening. In addition to which the Amateur Dramatic society, of Strawberry Vale, will give a short farce. The proceeds of the social will go toward the vicarage fund.

Acknowledge Bequest.—The King's Daughters wish to correct the amount quoted in the recent report of their meeting as having been received in the bequest made them by the late Hon. Wm. Templeman. The bequest amounted to \$452.50, and was a very much appreciated addition to the funds of a society in which the late Mrs. Templeman took such an active interest.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The following is the programme of the very promising entertainment to be given to-morrow evening at the Royal Victoria theatre under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment band: Overture, to Raymond; vocal solo, "Mavis" (L. Craxton); H. Davis; selection from Czar and Zimmerman (Lortzing); vocal, selected, G. H. Swain; selection from Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance"; vocal solo, Sullivan's "Lost Chord"; Mrs. H. J. Jackson; grand fantasia, Maritana, Wallace; vocal solo, selected, Trooper B. Newton; march, "Social Life"; Boehme; God Save the King.

Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.—Mrs. Bannerman attends at the I. O. D. E. headquarters, Temple Building, daily, from 2 to 3.30 p. m., for the purpose of taking any donations of articles intended as a gift from the women of Canada to the Queen, for her patriotic work. Nightshirts, shirts, Red Cross supplies for soldiers and garments of any kind suitable for women and children refugees will be most gladly accepted. Parcels may be sent to the Temple building addressed care of Mrs. Bannerman, who will continue to receive donations until February 15.

Fusiliers' Band.—The following is the programme of the concert to be given by the Fusiliers' band by permission of Major Rous Cullen and officers of the 88th regiment at Panthe's theatre to-morrow evening at 8.45: March, "His Majesty the King"; Lasey; selection, "American National Airs"; Miller; solo, "Sound an Alarm"; Handel, R. W. Hudson; overture, "The Barber of Seville"; Rossini; solo, "May Morn"; Handel, Mrs. R. W. Hudson; descriptive number, "Parade of the Tin Soldiers"; duet, "Watchmen, What of the Night"; Sergeant; overture, "The Trumpeter of the Fort"; Grunewald.

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Mock Parliament.—A large audience crowded the K. of P. hall last night at the meeting of the Liberal mock parliament, which had an extremely interesting session. Speeches were made by H. W. Davies and Robert Morrison, and many questions put by the audience were ably answered.

Union Meets Wednesday.—An adjourned meeting of the Victoria Sunday School Superintendents' Union will be held on Wednesday evening after the meeting of the weekly teachers' training class in the Y. W. C. A. As one of the most important matters that the union has had to deal with will be up for discussion, a full meeting is desired. The special committee appointed at the last regular meeting will report.

Special Citadel Meeting.—Brigadier and Mrs. Green, of Vancouver, who will be accompanied by their daughter, will be leading special meetings at the Salvation Army Citadel this week-end. This evening there will be a special meeting at 8 o'clock. To-morrow morning there will be an especially interesting service, entitled

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**PARIS FASHIONS ARE
QUITE NORMAL AGAIN**

War Has Had Sobering Effect; Dressmaking Houses Still Doing Business

New York, Feb. 1.—It is said that Berlin has been much the same during the war as at other times, excepting for the war spirit, and the grief at the bulletin boards. It has been the fashion designer's wish that things should be as unaffected as possible, and, as he is well beloved, as well as feared, the people, especially the women, have shown their grief but little.

In Paris the fear of invasion was great, and immediately things were closed—no lights were allowed, the cafes could not be open, the theatres were shut down and the curfew told people that their lights must be out. It was natural that this should affect business, but now things have changed and are taking on a much more normal outlook.

The dressmaking houses which have kept open are doing business, with the United States at least, and Rodier, the great manufacturer of fabrics reports that he is furnishing materials to the Callot Sisters, Cheruit, Premet and Beer.

The theatres are opening and many are crowded, but not by the fashionable audience that one would expect under different circumstances. The women of Paris are avoiding the extremes which have always been their hobby in style. The very tight skirt, which was thought would by this time be the Parisian style of the moment, has not as yet been fully accepted. However, the gowns which were worn by the actresses had certain elements worth remembering.

A dress of black velvet, which was worn by a French actress, had long, tight-fitting sleeves and a square, low neck, with a Medici collar in the back. The skirt was full and drawn in around the bottom. A length of the velvet was draped over the hips and ended in a train. The entire gown was devoid of trimming, which gave a richness that no amount of embellishment could have added.

A charming afternoon dress with bolero effect, and long sleeves, are striking features of the present style. The waist is made with an underwaist of crepe de chine with the bolero effect in wide lace. The sleeves of this outer waist are short and of the lace, while long net sleeves extend to the wrist. The skirt of crepe de chine is shirred several times at the waist and hips, and is finished at the top with a frill of itself. Three graduated bands of net are the only trimming on the skirt. This is a frock which may be worn again and again, as its long sleeves and high collar give it a distinctly daytime air, while the material makes it elaborate enough for many evening functions.

The separate waist takes on different features with the changing of the season, and there is no end to the numerous models, although they all bear a resemblance one with the other.

This season the high collar has been the newest note in these waists. A few good models have been made with the high collar, but it is much harder to achieve than the waist with the round, wedge or rolling collar.

Some of the waists are made with a V neck and a high collar above it, leaving a little of the neck or chest exposed. This is unique, but gives such a look of something left out, or



With a Separate Skirt of Blue Garbarine, is Worn a Waist of Sand Colored Net

unfinished that it is scarcely popular. Others are made with a straight band around the neck and a ruff of net or chiffon above and below it. The best of the high-necked waists button straight up the front, from the waistline to top of the collar. A stunning waist was made with the collar in one with the body of the waist, the shoulder seam extending into the side seam of the collar. This collar wrinkles around the neck charmingly and was held from working down into a string around the neck by bones at the back and sides of the collar.

It does not seem possible that these high-collared blouses and frocks will altogether supersede the low collars which we have been wearing for so long. The women have felt the comfort of doing without anything about the throat, the necks have revived from the old tight collars and become more beautiful, and it does not seem as

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though they could consent to the wearing them on everything again, what there is no way to tell just what the lingerie waist of the summer will become. There is said to be a revival of the old "button-in-the-back" waists and trimmings of braid and buttons in military effect in the front. Dainty voile waists are shown, some pin-tucked and others of the plain material trimmed with washable cord or braid and little soft crochet buttons and with a dainty collar which stands high in the back, but does not keep the front of the neck from being free and open to the air.

Overblouse and coat effects are very popular and will no doubt be used, especially for the very dressy waists. The chiffon or chiffon cloth blouse of putty, sand, or biscuit colors are very smart and very practical this winter. They are made with high collars and usually button straight up the front with small silk-covered buttons. The waist of crepe de chine is also very good, especially where made with large revers which fall gracefully in the front.

In an illustration is shown a new blouse, collarless, with the neck cut in the new Callot square, which is most becoming and far less trying than the usual square or Dutch neck. The model is developed in crêpe de chine and untrimmed, except for a cord outlining the neck. The skirt worn with this waist is an excellent one for the separate skirt, as it is made with a roke and front in one and pleats at the side, causing the skirt to flare in the up-to-date manner at the sides.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

A. McNeill, of Seattle, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

A. Claud Elton, of Seattle, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

L. J. Columbus, of Calgary, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

John W. Coburn, of Nanaimo, is staying at the Empress hotel.

C. S. Scott, of Saskatchewan, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Dr. L. T. Seaver, of Port Townsend, is stopping at the Dominion.

Mrs. J. A. Murray is registered at the Strathcona hotel from Sooke.

J. W. Whiteley, of Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

W. Evans and wife, of Seattle, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Dr. A. Knight, of Chilliwack, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

E. B. Mendelsohn, of Montreal, is registered at the Empress hotel.

Miss G. M. Batten, of Cobble Hill, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Capt. H. H. Beadwell, of Comox, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Miss M. F. Lagard, of Ganges Harbor, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

J. A. Heaman, of Winnipeg, was an arrival yesterday at the Empress hotel.

H. S. Hill is in the city from Portland. He is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

S. Heaney, of Winnipeg, is among those registered at the Strathcona hotel.

J. W. Wilson, of Vancouver, is in the city. He is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

C. H. Baird, of Toronto, was among this morning's arrivals at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shaw, of Stettler, Alta., registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

J. E. Brouse, of New Denver, is a guest at the Empress hotel, arriving yesterday.

Mrs. P. Smith, of Portland, Oregon, is among those registered at the Strathcona hotel.

G. F. Robinson, of Nelson, has arrived in the city and is staying at the Empress hotel.

C. E. Frost, of Vancouver, arrived in the city yesterday and is staying at the Empress hotel.

John Coyle, of Chicago, has arrived in the city, and is registered at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. S. O. Campbell, of Rossland, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest at the Empress hotel.

J. W. Stewart, president of the Pacific Great Eastern railway, was in the city for a few hours yesterday in consultation with D'Arcy Tate, vice-president. He had just returned from an inspection trip over the road.

The winners of prizes at the weekly meeting of the Ivy Leaf Social club, which convened on Thursday evening at the Knights of Pythias hall, were as follows: First lady, Mrs. Armstrong; second lady, Mrs. Hallett; third lady, Mrs. O'Connor; first gentleman, Mr. Hopwood; second gentleman, Mr. Brady; and third gentleman, Mr. Burn.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson, of 403 Hillside avenue, last week celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. This event taking place at Rockford, Illinois, in 1865. After a few years' residence in Marysville, Kansas, they decided to remove to Victoria, traveling by way of San Francisco, thence by water on the ill-fated "Pacific," and arriving here in October, 1875. Being such old residents in the city they were well-known here, and on the occasion of their golden wedding day last week many old friends called during the afternoon and evening to offer congratulations and best wishes for the future. The recep-

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8-4 size. Regular \$2.75, for \$1.80	8-12 size. Regular \$7.00, for \$4.55
8-4 size. Regular \$3.50, for \$2.25	10-14 size. Regular \$7.00, for \$4.25

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tion rooms were beautifully decorated with golden chrysanthemums and daffodils sent by acquaintances. During the course of both afternoon and evening delicious refreshments were served, assisting in this pleasant duty being children and grandchildren of the old couple, all of the former and a number of the latter being home for the event.

Miss Crampton and Miss Ransome left by yesterday afternoon's Seattle boat en route for New York, where they will sail next week by the S. S. Philadelphia for London, England. A big party of friends accompanied them to the boat to wish them Godspeed, most of those present having previously been the guests of the voyagers at tea at the Empress hotel. The tables were arranged in one of the pretty ante-rooms in the new wing, and were decorated with vases of early spring flowers. Among those present were Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Dunsmuir, the Misses Eleanor and Muriel Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson, Mrs. Dundas, Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver Cox, Mrs. Butchart and Miss Butchart, Miss G. Campbell, Miss Hampshire, Miss Innes Bodwell, Miss Terry, Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Reggie Crawford, Miss Betty Crawford, Miss G. McKay, Miss K. Gordon, Rev. G. H. Andrews and Messrs. Williams, Kingscott, Pottinger, F. B. Pemberton and Plumley. Both Miss Crampton and Miss Ransome will be greatly missed by their numerous friends in the city, who wish them a safe journey to the Old Land.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 6.—5 a. m.—The barometer remains abnormally low along the coast and unsettled weather is general, while on the Washington coast an easterly gale has prevailed. The weather is mild in this province, and east of the Rockies

the temperature ranges from 12 above zero in Alberta to 14 below in Manitoba.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly and southerly winds, partly cloudy and mild, with showers. Lower Mainland—Winds mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 42; wind, 12 miles E.; rain, .06; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 42; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .30; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 14; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .30; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .78; weather, rain.

Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Penticton	40	..
Nelson	32	..
Calgary	36	12
Edmonton	32	12
Qu'Appelle	18	4
Winnipeg	18	-14
Toronto	34	..
Ottawa	29	..
Montreal	28	..
St. John	32	..
Halifax	26	..

Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a. m.—noon and 5 p. m., Friday.

	Temperature.
Highest	44.8
Lowest	40.8
Average	42.8
Minimum on grass	35.8
Rain, .09 inch.	
Bright sunshine, 6 minutes.	
General state of weather, cloudy.	

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THE PRICE OF WATER.

To the Editor: I notice that a committee will inquire into the question of reduced water charges to manufacturers. This matter is one, I think, that should not be restricted to manufacturers alone but could well be extended to private residences, etc. Our water charges at present are too high, and the minimum charge of \$1 per month whether you use water or not is to my mind one that should be abolished.

In Vancouver an average family can use all the household water, and also for the garden, for about 90c per month on flat rate. This is about one half the local price, taking into consideration water used on lawns, etc., in the summer.

In these days of economy, I think the committee would do well to look into the above matter.

OUT FOR ECONOMY.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN SAANICH.

To the Editor:—In the advertising columns of the Times I notice the statement, "We have solved the great problem of unemployment." This sounds good, at least for the unemployed who are fortunate enough to reside within the city limits. But what about the great number of unemployed in the municipality of Saanich? I have been out of employment, except for a few odd jobs, during the last five months, and there are hundreds in a similar condition. Last Tuesday I visited the rooms of the Central Employment Bureau and was surprised to find that a resident in Saanich was not eligible for registration. I was also informed that there was plenty of work in Saanich; by the way I had just seen a Saanich foreman, who stated that he had

two hundred unemployed on his list. The "back to the land" movement, advocated strongly by the government, real estate agents and others interested in the welfare of the "homeless masses" seems to have given way to the "back to the city" movement. I know several cases where men of the working class in Saanich have had to leave their homes, after partly paying for them, so that they might hold their jobs in the city. I understand that the Employment Bureau are sending men into the country; why then should a Saanich resident be confined to the one particular area? The suggestion of your correspondent "Robin Hood" seems to me to be a good one, that the government be induced to send a few hundred unemployed back to the old land, where it is not necessary for women and young children to get out and hustle for a living.

HOODWINK.

NEW INVENTION.
Patent Checking Device, for Which Stock is Now Being Sold, May Soon Come Into Regular Use.

Each passing day brings out its quota of inventions, but that brought out by the Canadian Automatic Parcel Checking Company, Ltd., stands out by reason of its entire novelty. A small block of the capital stock of this company is being placed on the market in this city, the representative being E. A. Brown of the Sayward building. The invention is designed to replace to some extent the present system of checking light baggage, overcoats, etc. The idea is to have cabinets made of pressed steel on which are fixed patent locks, which are closed by placing a ten-cent piece in the slots provided. The device allows a user to take the key away, which is his check for the baggage he has put in. In this way the promoters claim that a good deal of annoyance, delay and incivility can be avoided.

Mr. Mold, the undertaker, was a hustler. In his opinion even a funeral could be made a thing of beauty; if not of joy for ever. He stood on the Kerstone surveying with much pride a glorious motor hearse, his latest innovation. "What do you think of it?" he asked a friend. "Pretty smart, eh?" "Splendid, old man; people will be simply dying to ride in it!"

AT THE THEATRES.

PICTURES WORTH SEEING.

A series of pictures which are well worthy of a visit, are being shown at the Royal Victoria theatre for the last time to-night. The pictures are clear and distinct, and include subjects that have not been seen before in Victoria. They also embrace two good comedies, a comedy drama, and a two-reel feature film which hold the interest of the audience from the beginning. The performance starts to-night at 7, and runs continuously until 11 p. m.

"BROADWAY JONES."

To-night will be the closing performance of George M. Cohan's great comedy, "Broadway Jones," at the Princess theatre. The Allen Players have undoubtedly added to their list of regular patrons by their fine performance of this bill. Next week the attraction is to be George Kleine's "The Third Degree." When produced by this company a couple of seasons ago at the old Victoria theatre, it drew capacity business. Full of dramatic intensity it is a play "with a purpose," and that purpose is to show the cruelty in the system of subjecting criminals to the third degree.

Miss Verna Felton will make her re-appearance, after a week's rest, in the role of the girl-wife, Irving Kennedy will appear in the strong character part of Judge Brewster. The rest of the company have been carefully cast, and a very fine performance is promised. The Monday bargain night attendances have grown steadily each week, until a packed house resulted, last Monday night.

"MUTT AND JEFF."

Mutt and Jeff in a new guise will be seen at Royal Victoria theatre, Tuesday and Wednesday with a Wednesday matinee.

After three seasons of veritable triumph, Gus Hill comes back for a fourth season with his perennial success in an entire new dress. "In Mexico" is the title of the story that is to form a back-ground for Bud Fisher's imitable characters. The new production is an innovation of play craftsman's work, embodying about all of the real meat of standard amusement; the thrill of the melodrama, the side-splitting situation of the farce comedy, the extravagance and untamed brilliancy of the burlesque, and the harmonious art of musical comedy. Mr. Hill has spent more money and greater energy in this season's "Mutt and Jeff in Mexico" than on any of the previous productions, so great is his faith in the lasting qualities of the cartoon play. The story, music, lyrics, scenery and electrical effects are all new. Mr. Hill has selected a cast superior in every respect to any he has yet been able to offer.

PANTAGES VAUDEVILLE

The very popular vaudeville programme which has enchaind the interest of thousands of patrons this week at Pantages will complete its run in Victoria with the usual performances this evening. "The Wrong Bird," that bright and tuneful musical comedy, should not be missed, and the other features on the bill are also of very high quality.

Next week there will be shown for the first time in this city pictures of the Italian earthquake which so recently shocked the world. In this the management is to be congratulated on having secured one of the best drawing cards for some time. The views are really wonderful, and give a very vivid and complete impression of the destruction that has been wrought in Italy by the forces of nature.

The Great Golden troupe of Russian dancers here next week are bound to prove strong favorites. They are said to be the cleverest exponents of the art of tserpichor who have visited Victoria in a long time. Not alone are they headliners in this connection, but they are instrumentalists of no mean order.

Conditions as they exist in the Chinese quarters of some of the coast cities are very strongly depicted in the sketch, "The War of the Tongas." The piece is remarkably well staged, and the histrionic ability of those taking part is far above the average.

The Gordon Brothers, in a singing and dancing novelty, promise to inject a good deal of rollicking fun into the programme, which will be sustained also by Dunlap and Viridin with their famous act entitled "Bits of Wit." Bertie Fowler, already well known here, will make a welcome appearance with her inimitable songs, impersonations and monologue. Miss Fowler is reckoned one of the cleverest comedienne in vaudeville, and she will undoubtedly be a big attraction all the week.

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IN THE LODGE ROOM

I. O. O. F.

Meetings Next Week.

Monday—Victoria Lodge No. 1.

Tuesday—Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 1.

Wednesday—Columbia Lodge No. 2.

Thursday—Dominion Lodge No. 4.

Friday—Canton Victoria No. 2.

Victoria Lodge No. 1.

There will be a practice in the initiatory degree next Monday evening, and it is the hope of the team captain that all members will be on hand as the team will put on the degree on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master, who will make his official visit to the local lodges on Monday evening, Feb. 15.

Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 1.

The regular meeting of this lodge will be held on Tuesday evening next, when the degree of Rebekah will be conferred upon several candidates. Visiting members of this degree are cordially invited.

Vancouver Encampment No. 1.

The encampment held their regular meeting last Tuesday evening. There being no degree work, and only routine business to transact, the session was a short one.

Columbia Lodge No. 2.

There was a splendid practice in the initiatory degree last Wednesday evening in this lodge. It has been decided to bring the whist tournament to a close the last Wednesday in this month. The competition is very keen at present, the four highest scores being Bro. N. Folbigg, 59; Bro. J. Knight, 58; Bro. P. Scutt, 57; Bro. S. V. Bowers, 56. The tournament will be continued next Wednesday evening.

Dominion Lodge No. 4.

As a couple of candidates are expected to present themselves for initiation next Thursday evening, the officers hope the entire degree team and a large number of members will be present at the next session.

Canton Victoria No. 2.

The regular meeting of Canton Victoria will be held on Friday evening next. A good attendance is requested.

Knights of Columbus.

Victoria Council No. 1254, Knights of Columbus, had a large attendance at the last regular meeting, and much important business was disposed of in record time. A communication was received from Bro. Coulthard, who some time ago gave up an important position here, and placed his services once more at the disposal of his country. Bro. Coulthard describes, vividly the conditions prevailing in England just previous to his embarking for the continent. Under the good of the order the session of the mock parliament was resumed. In the absence of the leader of his majesty's government, J. Hart, the attorney-general, C. H. O'Halloran led the party, ably assisted by A. Robbins, minister of railways, and W. H. P. Sweeney, minister of agriculture, whilst the opposition, led by J. D. O'Connell, assisted by F. Kiny, Dr. Briggs and J. F. Mackinnon, criticized the government in no uncertain terms, after which the debate was adjourned until Feb. 11.

Canadian Order of Foresters.

A special meeting of Court Columbia No. 834, C. O. F., was held in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Friday at 8 p.m. for the purpose of initiating candidates, which was conducted by District Organizer Bro. Rand. A short address was given by the organizer on what the court has done, and what it is doing for members who are called upon for active service. The total amount required to pay the insurance and sick and funeral benefits of these members up to the end of the year is \$2,063.62, which is kept up by the high court. One member has been reported killed while on active service in Belgium on Dec. 15. The executive committee at its last meeting voted another \$1,000, to be divided as follows: Red Cross Society, \$500; Belgium fund, \$500. The report from the high court shows the funds on hand to pay death claims and sick benefits are: Insurance fund, \$4,740,348.01; sick and funeral, \$403,284.77; general fund, \$30,559.40.

DISTINGUISHED PATRON.

Florence Nightingale Chapter Ball To Be Brilliant Event; To Be Held Next Friday.

A ball will be given on Friday, February 12, at the Alexandra Club, under the auspices of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. O. E., in aid of the Red Cross and other patriotic and relief work of the chapter. The event will be under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard, the Premier and Lady McBride, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Stewart, Rear-Admiral Story, R. N., Col. Ogilvie, D. O. C., Col. J. A. Hall and Mrs. Hall, Col. Bott and Mrs. Bott, Ex-Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Patterson, Col. Coy and Mrs. Coy, Mrs. Henry Croft (provincial I. O. O. E. president) and the regents of the I. O. O. E. chapters in Victoria.

Many ladies and gentlemen have already promised their presence on this occasion, an occasion which will now have a special interest in being in the nature of a farewell to the soldiers who are leaving next week for the front. A direct appeal is made to all persons interested in the work of the chapter to give their assistance by purchasing a ticket for the ball. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the chapter, also from Messrs. Shortt, Hill and Duncan; Wilkinson's; T. N. Hibben, Dean and Hiscocks and Fletcher Bros.

During these war times many special calls are made on the funds of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, and it is hoped that the dance will prove such a financial success that the members will not require to make any further calls on the generosity of their friends for the rest of the year.

The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act on the floor committee: Mrs. W. E. Home, Hudson, H. E. Ridewood, Geo. Hall and Lutin, Messrs. F. B. Pemberton, H. G. Garrett, W. H. Silver, Despard and Warren Pemberton, Tom Meredith Jones and J. D. Virtue. Miss Thain's orchestra is supplying the music, and the catering is in excellent hands.

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WIRELESS REPORTS

Feb. 6, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Raining; S. E.; bar. 29.95; temp. 41.
Cape Lazo—Raining; S. E. strong; bar. 29.90; temp. 38; sea moderate.
Pachena—Raining; S. E. gale; bar. 29.42; temp. 40; heavy swell.
Estevan—Overcast; calm; bar. 29.68; temp. 39; heavy swell.
Triangle—Overcast; S. E. light; bar. 29.84; temp. 40; sea moderate.
Keda—Cloudy; calm; bar. 29.38; temp. 35; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; S. E. strong; bar. 29.58; temp. 40; sea rough.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; E.; bar. 29.61; temp. 39; light swell.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; S. E.; bar. 29.72; temp. 37; sea moderate.
Noon

Pt. Grey—Cloudy; S. E.; bar. 29.31; temp. 40.
Cape Lazo—Raining; S. E. strong; bar. 29.78; temp. 40; heavy swell.
Tatoosh—Overcast; E. 18 miles; bar. 29.82; temp. 32; heavy swell.
Estevan—Raining; calm; bar. 29.34; temp. 43; heavy swell.
Triangle—Cloudy; N. E. light; bar. 29.79; temp. 40; sea moderate.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; calm; bar. 29.68; temp. 39; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Raining; S. E.; bar. 29.34; temp. 40.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; S. E. fresh; bar. 29.48; temp. 36; sea rough.
Keda—Cloudy; calm; bar. 29.40; temp. 36; sea smooth.

Too great haste to repay an obligation is a kind of ingratitude.—La Rochefoucauld.

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Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

LUMBER AND SALMON

RATES RAISED AGAIN

Blue Funnel Line Announces Increase of 15 Shillings on These Shipments

Freight rates on lumber and salmon have taken another leap skyward, and despite the unprecedented figure demanded by steamship companies for transporting these commodities from this coast to Europe, large quantities are offering. This morning H. B. Davenport, local agent of the Blue Funnel line, said that the rates on lumber from Victoria to London and Liverpool had been increased from 110 shillings to 125 shillings, and to Glasgow it has jumped from 115 shillings per thousand to 130 shillings. An increase of 15 shillings has been made on salmon, the rate now being 65 shillings per ton from Victoria to the United Kingdom.

Unfortunately for shippers no space can be obtained on the Blue Funnel liners until next July. All outgoing ships to the Mersey up to that date have had their cargo space sold. It is stated that similar conditions prevail with the other companies running to the old land. There is a heavy demand in Victoria for space for lumber shipments, but the agents can do nothing. Mr. Davenport said this morning that he could book three large shipments of British Columbia fir from this port if the space could be obtained. It is impossible to secure additional ships for the run, owing to the scarcity of tonnage the world over.

Oanfa is Next Due.

The Oanfa, Capt. Lyett, is the next Blue Funnel liner due here from the Orient. She is scheduled to leave Yokohama to-day for Victoria and will arrive here in two weeks. She is the second ship to come in the new trans-Pacific service which has been inaugurated by this big British concern. The Titan follows the Oanfa and these two ships, with the steamship Ixion, will maintain the service between Hongkong, Yokohama, British Columbia and Puget Sound ports.

BARQUE HOUEMONT ASHORE ON FIRE ISLAND

Fire Island, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The British barque Houemont, from London for New York, was discovered ashore here after the lifting of a dense fog to-day. She was flying signals of distress. Seas were breaking over her. It was too rough for the coast guard to launch a boat.

Finally coast guards succeeded in shooting a line to the barque and the rescue of her crew of twenty-seven began.

The Delhi maintained a highly efficient freight service on the Southeastern Alaska route. A vessel will be acquired and placed on the run that if anything will give an even better service. All the ships under consideration are of a type especially fitted for the needs of the Southeastern Alaska trade to which the Delhi catered.

LOST IN MID-PACIFIC

New York, Feb. 6.—The Standard Oil tanker Custer, which sailed from this port January 23 for Rotterdam, was wrecked and abandoned in mid-ocean and her crew of thirty-five were rescued by the American liner Philadelphia, according to a wireless message received here yesterday from the Philadelphia's captain.

NIAGARA DOCKS FROM

ANTIPODES WEDNESDAY

Liner Left Honolulu Last Thursday; Tamba Maru Due Same Day From Orient

Providing weather conditions remain favorable, the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara, Capt. C. T. Rols, will arrive at William Head on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and will berth at the outer docks about an hour later. Advice received from Honolulu by local agents of the line state that the big twin-stacker cleared from that port at 10 o'clock last Thursday night, and Capt. Rols is making an attempt to reach quarantine before sundown on Wednesday next. Unless heavy weather sets in off this coast, the ship should succeed in accomplishing the desire of the skipper.

The Niagara is coming through from Sydney, N. S. W., via Auckland, Suva and Honolulu. No word has been received by the agents as to the number of passengers that are coming north, but it is not expected there will be a heavy list. Travel between here and the Antipodes since the war commenced has become very light, and the last few boats to arrive have carried small lists of travelers. The vessel, however, has a full cargo of butter, mutton and other products of the Antipodes.

Tamba Maru Due In.
The only other deep-sea arrival next week will be the Tamba Maru, of the Nippon fleet, which is due on Wednesday. She is coming from the Orient and has a small list of passengers and about 500 tons of merchandise to discharge at the outer docks.

The Blue Funnel liner Moyne was expected next week from Liverpool, but she will be unable to fill her schedule.

For the first time in years there will be no sailing next week for the Orient. The Japanese lines have always maintained a weekly service out of Victoria, but owing to the delay suffered by the Aki Maru, the Tuesday sailing has been cancelled. On the following week there will be two Japanese ships leaving for the Far East. The Aki is scheduled to sail on Monday, February 15, and the Canada Maru, of the Osaka fleet, will clear the following day.

CHRISTIAN BORS IS HELD BY JAPANESE

Well Known Trader is in Hands of Prize Court; Irregularities in Papers

Tokio, Feb. 6.—Japanese warships have seized the Norwegian steamer Christian Bors on the allegation that they found some irregularities in her papers. She has been turned over to the prize court at Sasebo. The Christian Bors sailed from Shanghai January 27 for San Francisco by way of Japanese ports.

Shipping men on this coast are greatly interested in the welfare of the Christian Bors. She is an old-time trader on this coast and makes regular calls to Puget Sound, British Columbia and San Francisco. For a time she was engaged in carrying coal between Nanaimo and the Golden Gate, and she has made several trips out of the Sound carrying general freight for the Orient. The Christian Bors ran between this coast and Australia for a time, being under charter to Andrew Weir, when that shipping magnate was interested in the trans-Pacific trade.

The fate of the Christian Bors now rests with a Japanese prize court. It is not known what the irregularities in her papers are, but shipping men believe it will be straightened out and she will not become a prize of Japan.

CONGESTION OF SHIPPING IN ENGLAND EASING UP

Washington, Feb. 6.—The British embassy to-day issued this statement: "Congestion at the port of London has now greatly abated and only a very few ships are now at Gravesend awaiting berth and delays to which vessels have formerly been subjected need no longer be expected. Labor is sufficient for necessities of port."

"At Liverpool delays are less than they were and they will be further reduced owing to arrangements being made by a committee representing the principal port authorities of Great Britain."

TO REFLOAT ALFONSO XIII.

Paris, Feb. 6.—A dispatch to-day from Madrid says that efforts are being made to refloat the steamer Alfonso XIII. of the Spanish trans-Atlantic line, which went down yesterday in the harbor of Santander. No explanation is given as to the cause of the accident. All members of the crew and the passengers were saved.

ATTEMPTED TO BLOW UP ATLANTIC LINER

La Champagne, of French Line, Has Narrow Escape From Meeting Disaster

Paris, Feb. 6.—A plot to blow up the French Line steamer La Champagne, which has arrived at Corunna, Spain, from Mexico, was frustrated by a wireless message received aboard the ship January 19, according to the Journal's Madrid correspondent.

Officers of the vessel are said to have stated that the information given in the wireless message was that a man aboard, believed to be a German, attempted to destroy the ship. Prompt measures were taken by the captain, and the man was arrested. Five dynamite bombs, the correspondent says, were found in his trunk.

The La Champagne is well-known to old-time trans-Atlantic travelers. Some years ago she was operated in the New York trade, but the remarkable evolution which has taken place in shipbuilding in the last few years has made it impossible for her to compete for that business, and she was placed in the Mexican service. When launched from the shipyards at St. Nazaire, France, the La Champagne was considered one of the finest ships afloat. She is 493.4 feet in length, 51.8 feet beam, 34.5 feet draft, and has a gross tonnage of 6,724 tons. She has turbine engines.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION
Straits of Georgia, Fraser River Mouth.

Re arrangement of entrance lights, Gary Point, north and south curve lights are to be discontinued and in their place four sets of range lights have been installed to lead from the Sandheads lightship to and across the Stevenson Bar.

The description of the lights in their order from seaward are as follows:
Outer or Fraser mouth range: Front light—3 pile beacon surmounted by a platform 12 feet square carrying a 30-day Wigham lantern. Height above high water, 25 feet. Light colored red, visible from all points of approach.

Back light—3 pile beacon surmounted by a platform 12 feet square carrying a 30-day Wigham lantern, 300 feet distant on a bearing of N. 81 deg. east (Mag.) from lower light. Height above high water, 24 feet. Light colored white, visible only on proper bearing.

Wigham range: Front light—Electric light cluster set on pole near outer end of Stevenson jetty. Height above high water, 15 feet. Light colored red.

Back light—Electric light cluster set on pole, 300 feet distant, on a bearing of N. 39 deg. 45 min. east (Mag.) Height above high water, 30 feet. These lights are only visible on proper bearing. Light colored white.

North side range: Front light—3 pile beacon surmounted by a platform 12 feet square carrying a 30-day Wigham lantern. Height above high water, 24 feet. Light colored red.

Back light—3 pile beacon surmounted by a platform 12 feet square carrying a 30-day Wigham lantern, 300 feet distant on a bearing of S. 82 deg. west (Mag.) These lights are only visible on proper bearing.

Garry Point range: Front light—Electric light cluster set on pole on Garry Point. Height above high water, 17 feet. Light colored red.

Back light—Electric light cluster set

on pole, distant 200 feet S. 66 deg. 30 min. E. (Mag.) from front light. Height above high water, 25 feet. Light colored white. Lights visible only on proper bearings.

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GLENROY LEAVES SOUND.

Seattle, Feb. 6.—Carrying 6,500 bales of cotton for Vladivostok, the largest shipment of the kind to leave the Sound for the Orient this season, the Royal Mail liner Glenroy sailed for the Orient and Great Britain last night, with a total cargo of 7,000 tons weight. Aside from the cotton, the liner has the usual list of general trans-Pacific freight, a shipment of thirty-five cases of five-passenger automobiles, and ten carloads of trinitrotoluol, a product mixed with industrial explosives to prevent freezing. The automobile and the trinitrotoluol are for Vladivostok discharge. The trinitrotoluol will be used in the manufacture of explosives for mining purposes in Siberia. The automobiles are supposed to be for European Russia.

DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES.

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Crown of Seville	Smith	2,674	Ralph Guthrie	Liverpool	Feb. 16
Moyne	Lyett	2,712	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 15
Tamba Maru	Nagase	3,800	G. Northern	Hongkong	Feb. 10
Nagara	Rols	7,832	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 11
Titan	Read	5,900	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 13
Nacoma Maru	Hanada	2,504	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Feb. 10
Chancellor	Donald	2,565	Ralph Guthrie	Liverpool	Feb. 20
Shidzuoka Maru	Daguchi	4,300	R. P. Rithet	Kobe	Feb. 23
Glenroy	Webster	5,996	D. B. B.	Hongkong	Feb. 27
Nacoma Maru	Kanno	3,820	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Mar. 4
Shidzuoka Maru	Lyett	4,300	Ralph Guthrie	Liverpool	Mar. 8
Canarvonshire	Bolland	5,996	D. B. B.	Hongkong	Mar. 11
Astranax	Lyett	4,476	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 15
Oanfa	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	Mar. 15
Seattle Maru	Salto	3,820	R. P. Rithet	Liverpool	Mar. 15
Santofiel	Davidson	2,565	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Mar. 19
Nacoma Maru	Thomson	2,500	D. B. B.	Hongkong	Mar. 25
Machao	Jones	4,277	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	April 6
Calchas	Jones	4,279	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	May 1

SAILERS COMING.

Columbia, American schooner, from Salaverry, Peru, for Royal Roads. To load lumber at Vancouver for Australia.
Expansion, American schooner, to load lumber at Vancouver.

FERRY SERVICES.

For Vancouver.
Princess Victoria leaves 1.45 p.m. daily.
Princess Alice leaves 11.45 a.m. daily.
For Vancouver.
Princess Victoria arrives 4.30 p.m. daily.
Princess Adelaide arrives 6.30 a.m. daily.

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on pole, distant 200 feet S. 66 deg. 30 min. E. (Mag.) from front light. Height above high water, 25 feet. Light colored white. Lights visible only on proper bearings.

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Financial News

M'GILLIVRAY STANDS AT TWENTY CENTS BID

Issue Reached Highest Level of Two Years on Victoria Stock Exchange

The high price of two years was struck in McGillivray this morning when twenty was bid. The issue showed formidable strength, and for many weeks has shown a steady, unbroken advance.

B. C. Copper finished one point above yesterday on general support and investment inquiry. Athabasca, which previously had remained featureless, manifested an improving tendency, closing at 26 1/2, a level at which a trading capacity made itself felt.

There were lower offers of Coronation, Red Cliff and Standard Lead. In each case, however, bids being maintained and evidence of demand just being as strong as heretofore.

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ROOM TRADERS COVER IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Bulls Active in Bethlehem Steel and Sympathetic Action in Steel Common

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HELD TO INDICATE GERMANY'S WEAKNESS

Opinions of French Press on Decree; Swedish Writers Indignant

Paris, Feb. 6.—The German admiral's proclamation including in the war zone the waters surrounding the British Isles has provoked an outburst of indignation in the French press, although it is hailed generally as an indication that Germany is beginning to find her situation desperate.

The Journal says the measure will have only two consequences: first, the death of inoffensive sailors; and second, the paralysis of the sea trade of neutrals. Consequently, the paper argues, the measure would cut off Germany's food supply as neutral shipping would not expose itself to danger.

Rome, Feb. 6.—Commenting on German measures against neutral ships, the Tribuna declares that Germany does not take into account the rights, or even the dignity, of neutrals, while Great Britain gave satisfaction to protests made by the United States and Italy granting the latter the right to maintain the distinction between absolute and conditional contraband.

Continuing, the paper says: "Germany can be assured that some neutral powers will refuse to accept her ruling under which the established custom of examination at sea of neutral vessels is abandoned and peaceful neutral ships are put in the same category as hostile vessels. This will evoke protest from some neutrals. If Germany find that she has been damaged by certain British measures, she should answer with reprisals damaging to Great Britain, but not striking at neutral powers in the movement of their ships or the lives of their subjects."

Stockholm, Feb. 6.—Indignation is expressed by the Swedish press because of Germany's proclamation, which is a blockade of the British Isles. The belief is expressed that it will result in the government making a protest to Berlin.

The Dagens Nyheter, which is in close touch with the foreign office, declares Britain's regulation in regard to neutral shipping in the North Sea caused annoyance, but that it guaranteed traffic would be safe on certain routes. The paper says that while Swedish vessels suffered severely from German mine-laying, the latest order "beats the record by declaring the most extensively used waters a closed sea and threatening neutral ships with torpedoes."

Washington, Feb. 6.—The official text of the German admiral's proclamation, transmitted by Ambassador Gerard to the state department to-day, reveals that navigation routes to the north of the Shetland Islands and the eastern part of the North Sea, as well as a strip of thirty nautical miles along the Dutch coast, are not in the danger zone, but that the waters directly around Great Britain and Ireland comprise the prohibited areas. This differs from the published report.

The wireless report of the official admiral's proclamation said: "Shipping northward around the Shetland Islands, in the eastern basin of the North Sea, and in a strip of at least thirty nautical miles in breadth along the Dutch coast, is endangered in the same way."

The text of the same as received from Ambassador Gerard says: "Navigation routes around the Shetland Islands, in the eastern part of the North Sea, and for thirty sea miles along the Dutch coast, not open to the danger zone."

SAYS GUN-MAKERS HAVE BEATEN DOCTORS

Paris, Feb. 6.—A denunciation of British army surgeons who visited the American ambulance corps at Neuilly, expressed themselves as deeply impressed with the perfection of the arrangements made for the care of wounded. After an inspection of the wards, brief addresses were made by Sir Almonroth Wright, Sir Berkeley Moynihan and Dr. Alexis Carrel.

A comparison between the progress made in the sciences of killing and curing was drawn by Dr. Carrel, who declared the gun-makers and engineers had beaten the physicians.

Austrians failed in attack in Herzegovina. Paris, Feb. 6.—The legation of Montenegro in Paris issued to-day an announcement under date of Cetinje, February 5, which reads as follows: "Austrian forces recently attacked with energy our armies operating in Herzegovina. They were repulsed with heavy losses, our troops retaining all their advantages."

On the same day the Austrians directed a severe artillery fire from the forts at Gorazda and Grabovitz and a cruiser anchored in Cattaro Bay against our position at Mount Lovchen.

German statement. Berlin, Feb. 6.—Army headquarters to-day issued the following statement: "Two new French attacks against positions taken by the Germans north of Massiges were unsuccessful. A French attack in the Argonne also failed."

Russians yesterday attacked on the East Prussian frontier and south of the Vistula, against the German front from Humin to the Baura river. All attacks were repulsed. The Germans took 1,000 prisoners and six machine guns.

Especially from the British, but also from the French side, the allegation is repeated continuously that the Germans, to commemorate the emperor's birthday, made attacks on a large scale, which were attended throughout with heavy reverses for the Germans.

All German official reports of events on the days in question prove that these allegations were invented with perfidious intent. Of course, such fighting manner: cannot touch the emperor's person, but the German army headquarters would not fail to expose their baseness to shame."

Governor of Queensland. Montreal, Feb. 6.—Sir Hamilton Goold Adams, G. C. M. C., the newly-appointed governor of Queensland, is visiting here while enroute to Vancouver. He will sail for his new post on Feb. 17.

Lady Hamilton, who accompanies her husband, is a daughter of Charles Riordan, of Montreal.

EXPENDITURE BY-LAW TO BE READY MONDAY

Council to Take Up Wages for Relief Work; Reservoir Improvement

The expenditure by-law will be the principal matter before the city council on Monday evening, and it is expected that the estimates for \$1,553,000 will be approved. The council will probably raise the issue of the public grant, as he declined to give a pledge on that matter to the private meeting, and stated this morning that he was not satisfied with the action adopted.

Otherwise it is not expected that opposition will develop, and the by-law should go through the council without further change.

The private arrangement made with regard to payment for relief work will be embodied in a resolution which will be presented to the council for approval. A scale was adopted on Tuesday, details of which are not yet known.

The remainder of the council business is not important, and the session should be through within reasonable time. The report of the special committee on fire insurance rates has been on the table for a week, however, and has to be dealt with. The report suggests that a copy should be sent to the Fire Underwriters' association, and that they be requested to submit to the council a list of 100 risks showing a reduction of at least 15.9 per cent., which they claim is the average reduction granted under the new schedule.

Weiler Brothers will write further with regard to the expropriation proceeding for the acquisition by the city of the old factory on the corner of Douglas street and Humboldt street. On Tuesday morning the health committee of the council will wait on the government with regard to the care of tubercular patients, particularly of 24 cases at the Jubilee hospital, and it is felt that these cases, in common with many more in the province, should be handled at a central institution, possibly in conjunction with the Transvaal Sanatorium.

The electric light committee has a meeting set for Thursday afternoon. Steps have already been taken with regard to the improvement of the area of land in front of Humpback reservoir, and the section is being planted with suitable trees from Beacon Hill nursery. It is the intention of the water commissioner to place trout in the reservoir for the purpose of keeping it clean, and he has made arrangements with Chief Inspector Cunningham for some fry from one of the hatcheries, possibly that at Cowichan lake, to be deposited at the right season.

Youthful star climbs. Lillian Jones, of "Wrong Bird" Company, will enter Eastern Circuit Next Season.

Victoria will be interested to learn that Miss Lillian Jones, the Salt Lake miss who is now playing in the "Wrong Bird" at the Pantages this week, may be seen on big time next season. Miss Jones, who is a soloist, has just received a very liberal offer from a New York Booking Agency, and will likely accept. She also plans spending a few months in the Boston Conservatory of Music, preparatory to entering upon the Eastern Vaudeville circuit.

The true manner of preparing for the last moment is to spend all the other week, and ever to expect that last one—Felon.

MANY AT FUNERAL

Obsequies of Late Mrs. McIntosh Held on Thursday; Was Active in Church Work

The funeral of the late Mrs. McIntosh, wife of Capt. D. McIntosh, of 76 Moss street, took place on Thursday afternoon from the family residence. Rev. Dr. Leslie Clay conducted the services, which were very largely attended by friends of the family.

The late Mrs. McIntosh was born in Beachburg, Ont., and was the second daughter of Rev. Alexander Smith, a Presbyterian minister of that town. She was also a niece of Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith, at one time well known all over Canada as one of the leading Presbyterian divines of the Dominion, and for some time moderator of the assembly. On the removal of Rev. Alex. Smith to Chelsea, Quebec, his family accompanied him, thither, and in 1879 they once more changed their residence, this time to Manitoba. It was in the latter province that she met Mr. McIntosh, who was at the time teaching school there, and in 1882 the marriage took place. After the removal of "S." in which Capt. McIntosh served, they went to Dauphin, Manitoba, to live, taking up their residence there in 1888, and for six years making it their home. In 1904 the family removed to Winnipeg, remaining there, however, for only three years, their last move being to Victoria in 1907.

The daughter of a minister, Mrs. McIntosh from her girlhood took the keenest interest in church work, and everywhere that she went associated herself with Sunday school and mission activity. In Victoria she was a member of the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and belonged to both the Ladies' Aid Society and the Women's Missionary Society of that body. She was present with her husband at the annual congregational meeting held on January 24, just before her last illness. It is only a few weeks ago that she enrolled as a member of the Women's Canadian club, and was present at one of the January meetings of that organization.

Three daughters, Helen M. McIntosh, a nurse; Mrs. B. F. McKim, and Ida H. McIntosh, all of Victoria, survive. There are two granddaughters, children of Mrs. McKim. Two brothers, W. A. Smith (of Minnesota), J. B. Smith (of Victoria), and three sisters: Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mrs. F. A. Macdonald (both of Minnesota, Man.), and Mrs. James A. Macdonald (Edmonton, Alta.), survive.

The pallbearers at the funeral were Messrs. T. G. Iredale, G. W. Cremer, Wm. Archibald, J. C. Weir, A. Polson, and G. H. Robertson. Jessie Longfield, presided at the piano, and the hymns sung were "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Peace, Perfect Peace."

Many contributions. The following are among the recent contributions to the funds of the Victoria Patriotic Aid society: "Every Month," \$3; department of railways, government buildings, \$25; staff Canadian Bank of Commerce, main office, \$51; staff, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Oak Bay branch, \$15; staff Brackman-Ker Milling company, \$112.80; employees of Messrs. Pat Burns & Co., \$32.50; employees of B. C. Land & Investment Agency, \$24.20; employees of Sawyard block, \$32.45; Victoria Medical society, \$200; employees of Messrs. E. G. Prior & Co., \$30; from Fifth Regiment Band concert given at Strawberry Vale on Feb. 3, \$15.50; steamboat inspector's office, \$15; inland revenue officials, \$31.50; employees of Producers' Rock & Gravel Co., \$70.50. From men employed by the city on boulevards, streets, garbage collections, sewers, waterworks, carpenter's department, blacksmith shop, and day men in engineer's department, \$683.75.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN

Victoria Sub-Unit.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 1915, at 8 p. m. sharp in room "H," Y. M. C. A. building, corner Blanchard and View streets.

Regimental order by Capt. W. H. Langley, R. O., commanding. Promotions: B company. To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. A. W. Agnew, vice P. V. Cowley, resigned. To be 2nd Lt. Sergt. E. W. Tribe, to complete establishment.

A German protest. Berlin, Feb. 6.—"The German government, through a neutral channel, has protested strongly against Russia's intention to sentence like criminals the crew of the German Parseval-balloon shot down near Libau," says the Overseas News Agency. The Cologne Gazette demands the severest reprisals by Germany against Russia war prisoners.

Scratch Set Up Blood Poison. Zam-Buk Cured Her. Mrs. John Peterson, Wellwood, Man., writes, "Some time ago I scraped the skin off my knuckles. Not thinking it serious, I merely washed the wounds and applied an ointment I had on hand at the time. However, instead of getting better, my fingers got worse. The sores spread quickly and penetrated to the bone. They began to discharge, were terribly painful, and blood poison was starting. I became alarmed and was going to a doctor, when Zam-Buk was recommended. I purchased a box and began using it. The first few applications eased the pain and I noticed a decided improvement. Every day my fingers got better under the Zam-Buk treatment, and eventually a complete cure resulted."

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